

Preface

A Message from the Director

Dear Sportsman,

Over the years, Utah's hunters and anglers have made it possible for the Division of Wildlife Resources to protect more than 415,000 acres of important wildlife habitat, secure numerous easements for public access, and develop a statewide hatchery system. The *Access to Wildlife Lands in Utah* publication shows some of the investments that have been made to protect and enhance the state's fish and wildlife resources. The guide should become a valuable reference for those planning outdoor recreation activities in the state. Hopefully, it will stimulate you to become a participant in the Division's habitat conservation program.

Organized groups now have the unique opportunity to share their enthusiasm for wildlife by adopting a wildlife management area under the Division's "Under Your Wing" program. Adopting groups become the stewardship partners and caretakers of areas they adopt by getting involved in developing management plans for the area, initiating habitat enhancement projects, becoming the local watchdogs, and assisting with the maintenance and upkeep of the area.

The goal of the program is to instill a sense of pride and ownership in Utah's wildlife, wildlife habitats and the specific lands managed for their benefit. In addition, citizen groups will help to improve the quality of the habitat for wildlife on these properties, and participants will learn about wildlife habitats and the animals that use them. For more information, contact the nearest DWR regional office.

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Introduction

About this Book

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has long recognized the important role habitat plays in maintaining diverse fish and wildlife resources. Toward that end, over 90 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) have been established around the state. Virtually all of these lands are open for some type of wildlife-oriented public use.

One hundred eight WMAs and significant units within those WMAs are included in this book. Each of these areas was established with at least one of four primary objectives in mind:

- 1.) provide nesting and migration habitats for waterfowl;
- 2.) secure and enhance critical foothill habitats for wintering big game;
- 3.) preserve fish and wildlife habitat along important stream corridors;
- 4.) provide access for fish and wildlife enthusiasts.

In addition to the WMAs, the state's 11 fish hatcheries are included here to provide information about the management programs and visitor opportunities at these important DWR installations.

Each WMA map and information page includes several important types of information:

Symbols.

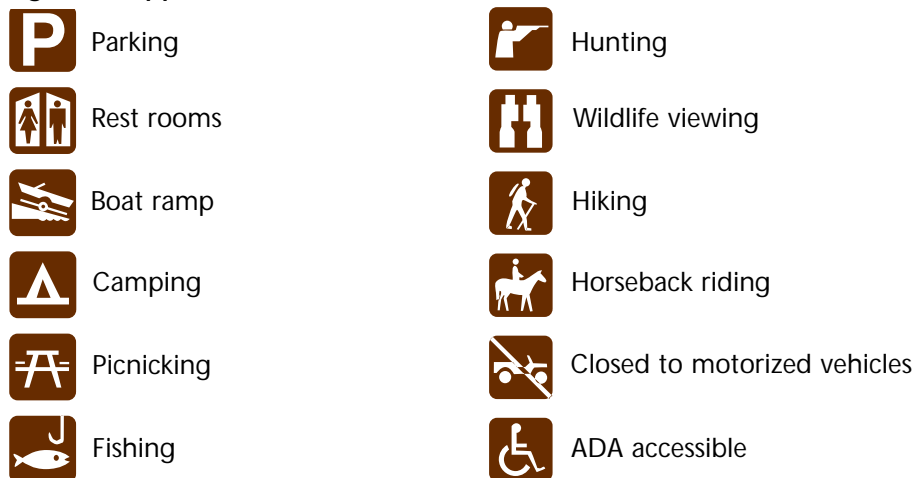
Two sets of symbols are found beneath each map. The first indicates the types of wildlife and significant plants found in the WMA that may be visible and of interest to visitors.

Figure 1: Animals and plants

	Song birds		Large mammals–carnivores
	Upland game birds		Fish
	Waterfowl		Amphibians or reptiles
	Shorebirds		Butterflies
	Birds of prey		Wildflowers
	Small mammals		Fall colors
	Large mammals–ungulates		

The second strip of symbols indicates the recreation opportunities and facilities available to visitors at the WMA.

Figure 2: Opportunities and facilities



Information.

The narrative portion of each WMA page includes five specific categories of information:

The Lay of the Land

A general description of the habitat.

Location

Directions to the WMA from nearby landmarks.

What to See and Do

Information and recommendations on use options.

Management Focus

Summary of why the WMA exists and its objectives.

Visitor Use

Listing of important things to know prior to visiting.

Maps.

The map is a general locator map that shows the general lay of the land and location of the WMA in relation to nearby towns and landmarks. (Read on for more information about the maps.)



Utah state flower: sego lily

Introduction (cont.)

The Maps

The maps in this book were created by adding DWR land ownership information to available land status and topographic base maps. We use land status base maps so users could see adjacent land ownership patterns. DWR lands are coded with the distinctive brown color. Other ownership is color-coded with traditional colors as follows:

Figure 3: Land ownership status



Two types of base maps are used depending on the size of the WMA being mapped—with the 1:100,000-scale map as the first choice. Not all maps are printed in the original scale because every WMA covers a different size area, but each will give you the best possible representation of the WMA in the space available.

- 1:100,000-scale Metric Topographic Map Series (approximately. ½-inch per mile)
BLM Edition, Surface Management Status
- 1:250,000-scale Land Ownership and Public Management
(approximately. ¼-inch per mile) Bureau of Land Management

The 1:100,000-scale (larger scale) maps are the maps DWR uses to identify hunt area boundaries and other important information for wildlife users. They are considered one of the most useful map series for outdoorsmen and are readily available (see below).

The smaller scale 1:250,000-scale maps are considered working maps used by land management agencies, and although most individual maps in this series are still available, they are considered too small of a scale and too old for on-the-ground navigation.

The most detailed maps, commonly termed “7-½ minute quads” or simply “topo maps” are 1:24,000-scale (2-½ inch per mile) and very detailed. These are considered best for on-the-ground navigation, especially in the back country.

Map References.

On the WMA map, in the lower right corner, we have listed the 1:100,000-scale and 1:24,000-scale (7-½ minute quad) maps that a person would need to cover the entire acreage of the WMA.

Note that there are two types of 1:100,000-scale maps: the basic topographic map and the land status version. Both are available at the outlets listed below. Note also that the large scale topo maps do not include land ownership information. Users who desire detailed land ownership information will want to combine information from land ownership maps with that of the larger scale topo maps.

Important Note: *To the best of our ability, the maps in this book are accurate and correct as of the publication date. The habitat acquisition program is a dynamic program and land boundaries can change at any time. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the maps, it is important to note that the maps are general locator maps and are not intended to be used for on-the-ground navigation and the determination of detailed land ownership. Users are encouraged to obtain current reference maps and, as necessary, contact the appropriate DWR regional office or the respective county clerk's office for more detailed and current land ownership information for a particular area.*

Maps are available at the outlets below and may be purchased in person, through a Web site or via phone order.

Department of Natural Resources Bookstore

1594 West North Temple
PO Box 146100
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6100
1 (888) UTAHMAP; (801) 537-3320
Fax: (801) 537-3395
Email: geostore@state.ut.us
Web site: <http://www.maps.state.ut.us/>

U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Web site: <http://www.ut.blm.gov/index.html>
(Lists addresses for the various BLM offices in Utah)

USDA Forest Service (USFS)

Web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/>
(Lists addresses for the various National Forest Headquarters in Utah, as well as local Ranger District offices.)

U. S. Geological Service (USGS)

For a list of retail **U.S. Geological Society map dealers** in Utah, visit the USGS Web site:
http://mapping.usgs.gov/esic/map_dealers/ut.html

School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)

675 East 500 South STE 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
(801) 538-5178

For more information:

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Web site:

Web site: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov>
(Links to important Utah hunting, fishing and recreational information and to other government agencies.)

For recorded information, call toll free: (877) 592-5169

Habitat

Wildlife Management Areas

To assure the future of protected wildlife in Utah, the DWR has implemented a habitat program to preserve and enhance essential habitats. In addition to participating in cooperative habitat improvement projects on private, state and federal lands, the DWR has acquired over 415,000 acres in key areas throughout the state to maintain habitat for fish and wildlife.

The establishment of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in all of these areas has provided an opportunity to preserve habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Most of these areas were established to provide wetland habitats for waterfowl or foothill habitats for wintering big game. More recently, the DWR has added important stream corridors to its list of essential habitats needing additional protection. Stream restoration and angler access has become an important part of the habitat program.

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Waterfowl Management Areas

The DWR maintains and operates 21 waterfowl management areas encompassing 96,000 acres. Twelve of the areas are extensively developed, four are partially developed and five are, as yet, undeveloped. Area superintendents and support personnel oversee management activities on each of the extensively developed waterfowl management areas.

Utah's marshes, especially those around the Great Salt Lake, serve as major stopover points for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds and have contributed significantly to waterfowl production in the Pacific Flyway. Up to 200,000 ducks and 20,000 Great Basin Canada Geese have been produced annually on marshes operated by the DWR.

Migrant populations in the fall regularly approach 1,000,000 ducks, 40,000 tundra swan, 25,000 geese, 1,500,000 million Eared Grebes, 500,000 Wilson's Phalaropes, 280,000 Red-necked Phalaropes, 250,000 American Avocets, 65,000 Black-necked Stilts, 30,000 Marbled Godwits and numerous other species of waterbirds.

Big Game Winter Ranges

Each fall, mule deer move to lower elevation foothill ranges where the combination of browse and cover provides suitable winter range habitat. On many herd units, deer concentrate in key areas, especially during severe winters. The DWR has established more than 50 WMAs statewide to protect and enhance key areas used by mule deer during the winter.

In the last 20 years, many of these WMAs have become important areas for elk. Activities such as habitat improvements, fencing, weed control and access management are coordinated by the regional habitat managers, and carried out by various regional personnel (biologists, conservation officers and habitat maintenance specialists).

Recently, the DWR has begun to acquire conservation easements as another way to protect similar essential habitats. In these situations, the landowner continues to own the property, but has agreed to retire the development rights. This type of partnership has proved to be an effective way to protect essential habitat without taking the land out of private ownership.

The creation of WMAs has been, and continues to be, an effective way to protect

essential wildlife habitats in Utah. The program has been made possible through the financial support of hunters, anglers and other wildlife enthusiasts that contribute to the management of fish and wildlife in Utah.

Fish Hatcheries

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources operates 10 cold water production hatcheries, one warmwater hatchery and a fisheries experiment station. Each hatchery plays an important and unique role in supplying fish for regional fish management programs. Water quality and hatchery location largely determines the species and hybrids that are raised at each facility.

Most of the hatcheries are open to the public and welcome visitors. Collectively, several hundred thousand visitors visit Utah's hatcheries each year. Informative exhibits and self-guided walking tours are often available.

However, because of recent outbreaks of whirling disease in Utah, not all hatcheries are open to the public, and several are accessible by appointment only. Those interested in touring a hatchery facility should contact the hatchery, or the nearest DWR regional office, during working hours to find out if it is currently open for visitors.

Sportsman Access

As Utah's population increases, and land uses change, it becomes increasingly important to maintain and secure access to popular fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing areas. Many of these accesses involve easements across private land which connect to large acreages of public land. In other cases, the easements provide access along streams. In either case, users have an obligation to respect the property rights of private landowners and to restrict their activities to the public easements.

Visitors should make a special effort to keep these access locations clean and to report any vandalism or other illegal activities to the nearest DWR regional office. Camping may be prohibited at some locations, so please observe posted signs.

Figure 4: DWR Administrative Regions



The DWR divides the State into 5 administrative regions. The WMAs in this book are presented by region. For general season big game regional hunt boundaries, consult the big game proclamation.

Recreational Opportunities

A Guide to Visitor Access

It's important to understand that the DWR's land management program is not directed by a "multiple use" mandate, as is the case with other land management agencies. The DWR has a responsibility to assure the future of protected wildlife for several reasons. One of those reasons is the public enjoyment of wildlife-related activities. On DWR lands, the first priority is to provide quality habitat for wildlife. Restrictions placed on public use of these lands are based on the need to minimize adverse impacts to wildlife habitat and minimize disturbance of key wildlife species during critical times of the year.

Importance of Seasonal Closures

Each land acquisition is an attempt to fulfill a wildlife management objective to protect and improve essential habitat for a particular species, or group of species. WMA plans identify management activities that are necessary to maintain the value of the area for wildlife. Access management is an important part of the plan, since human disturbance during critical periods can have serious consequences on wildlife populations. For example, big game winter ranges are normally closed to public access during the winter to minimize disturbance to deer and elk. In the winter, big game must conserve energy to survive. If disturbed during severe winters, they run the risk of depleting their energy reserves too quickly, and dying of starvation in the spring. On waterfowl management areas, the marshes provide nesting and brooding habitat for migratory water birds. Human disturbances during incubation and brood rearing can affect bird production. Consequently, waterfowl management areas are closed to the public during these critical periods.

Recreational Activities

There are a variety of activities that can be enjoyed by wildlife enthusiasts and other recreationists when WMAs are not closed to public access. Hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, camping and photography are some of the activities that are pursued on wildlife management areas. Camping is limited to 21 consecutive days unless posted otherwise. Forest products such as Christmas trees, firewood and cedar posts are available on some wildlife management areas, but require special permits that can be obtained from DWR regional offices. All motor vehicle travel is restricted to existing roads. Visitors are required to pack out their own trash.

Use of Division Lands

The Division may approve a land use only if the use does not unreasonably conflict with the intended use of the land or is not detrimental to wildlife or wildlife habitat, and the impacts can be avoided, minimized or mitigated. Consequently, the DWR may close its lands to public access, if it determines that human disturbance is detrimental to wildlife or wildlife habitat.

Except as authorized by statute, rule, contractual agreement, certificates of registration, public notice or permit, a person on DWR land may not:

- remove, extract, use, consume or destroy any mineral resource, gravel, sand, soil, vegetation, cultural or historic resource or improvement.
- graze livestock.
- enter, use or occupy DWR land when posted against such entry, use or occupancy.
- use, occupy, destroy or construct any structure including fences, water control devices, roads, surveys and section markers or signs.
- use DWR land for commercial gain.
- park a motor vehicle or trailer or camp for more than 21 consecutive days unless posted differently.
- light a fire without providing a way to prevent spreading or leave a fire unattended.
- use fireworks, explosives, poisons, herbicides, insecticides or pesticides.
- release or permit a domestic pet to run at large while not under the owner's control.

A complete summary of use restrictions on DWR lands can be found in Administrative Rule R657-28, Use of Division Lands—Rights-of-Way, Leases and Special Use Permits. The rule was passed by the Wildlife Board in August 2000.

Additional Information

DWR Offices

Salt Lake Office

1594 West North Temple, STE 2110
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301
(801) 538-4700

Southeastern Region

475 West Price River Dr., Ste. C
Price, UT 84501-2860
(435) 636-0260

Central Region

1115 North Main Street
Springville, UT 84663
(801) 491-5678

Northeastern Region

152 East 100 North
Vernal, UT 84078-2126
(435) 781-9453

Southern Region

PO Box 606
1470 N. Airport Rd. STE #1
Cedar City, UT 84720
(435) 865-6100

Northern Region

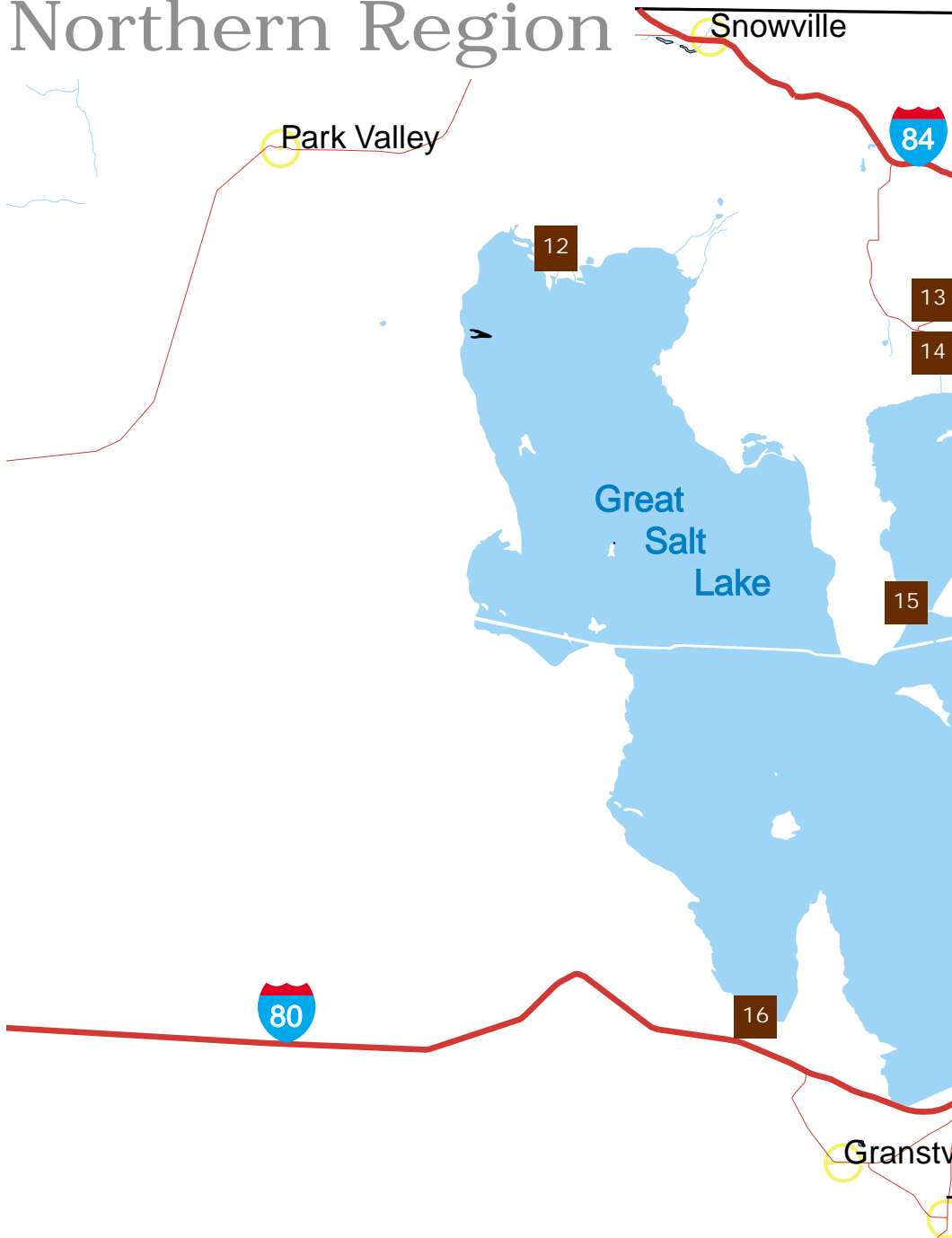
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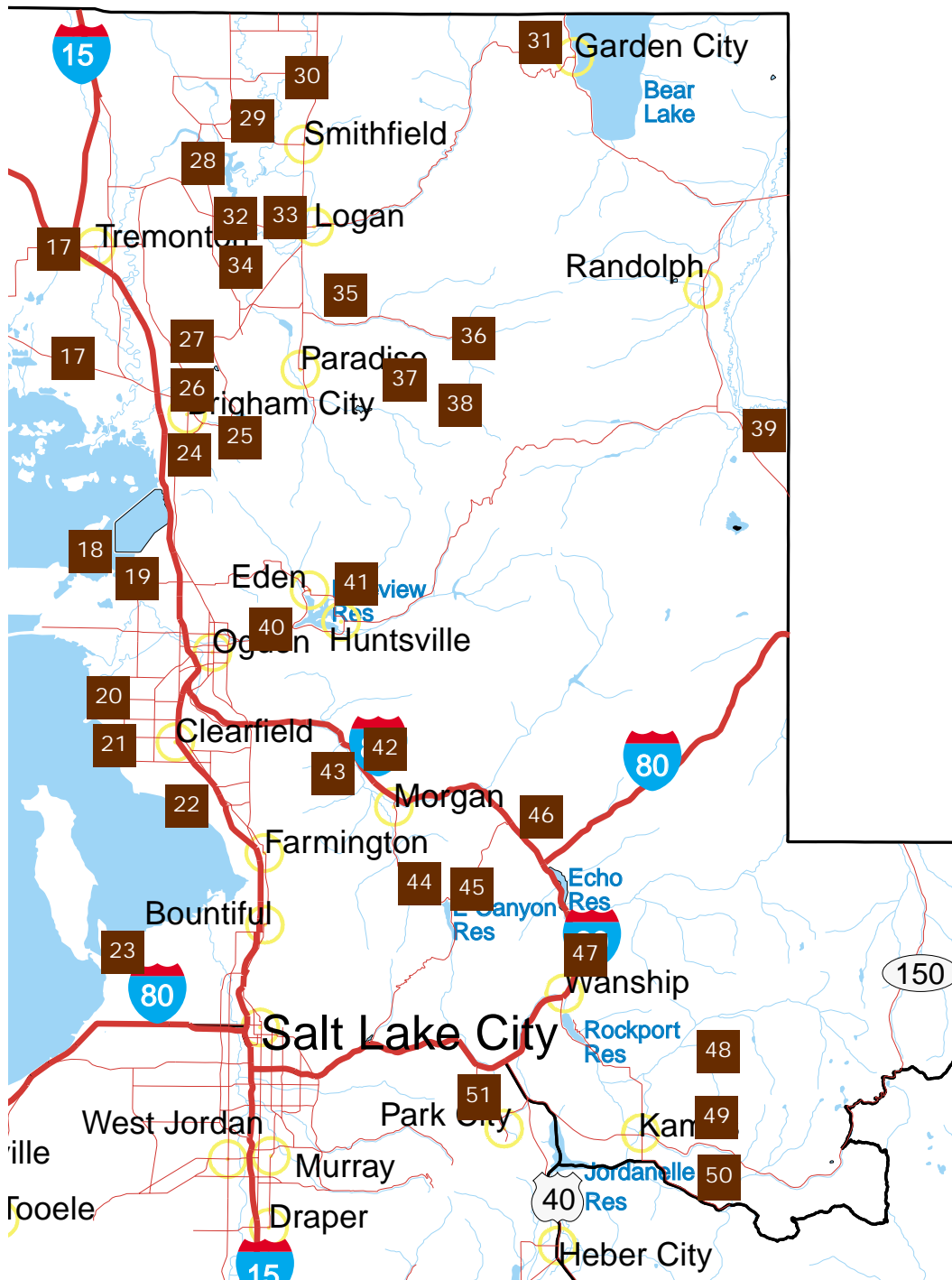
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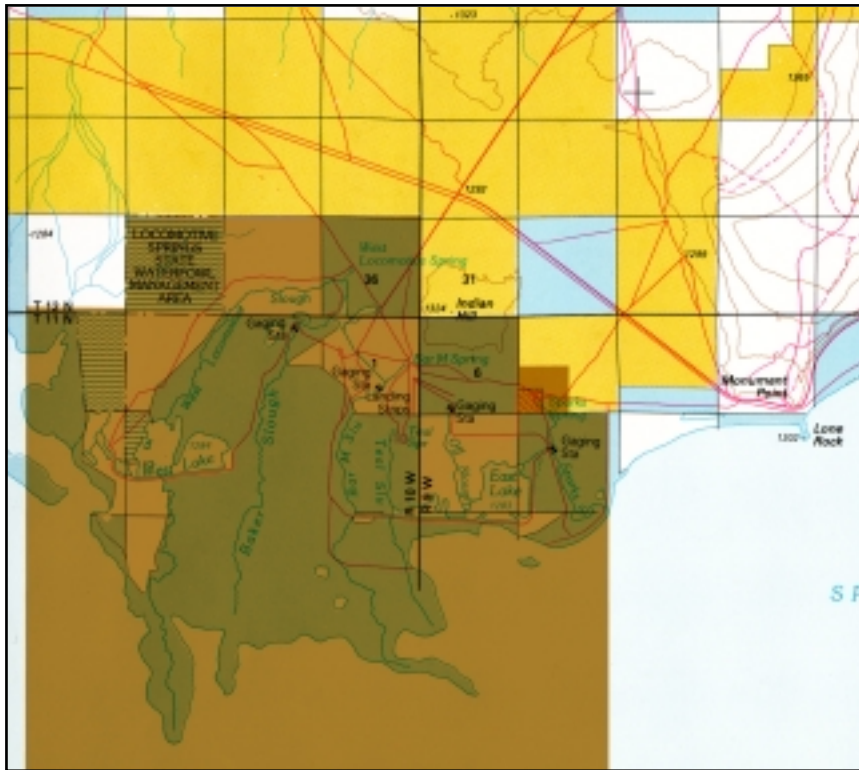
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Livestock WMA | 50 Kamas Fish Hatchery |
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Locomotive Springs WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tremonton
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Locomotive Springs



The Lay of the Land

Primarily wetland emergent marshes with open water ponds and seasonal mud flats fill the approximately 18,000 acres of the Locomotive Springs WMA. Six underground freshwater springs flow into shallow, slow moving sloughs. The sloughs then form three ponds. The ponds support submergent and emergent vegetation.

Location

The WMA is located in Box Elder County. From I-15 take the Corinne exit and travel west on SR-83 towards the Golden Spike National Monument. Where the road takes a sharp turn to the south (to Golden Spike/Promontory), continue straight (west) on a dirt road for about 25 miles. Follow signs at site.

What to See and Do

Hunting for waterfowl, hungarian partridge and cottontail rabbits. Year-round fishing is available for stocked rainbow trout. Bird watching around the springs can be rewarding—with sightings of migrants common in spring and fall.

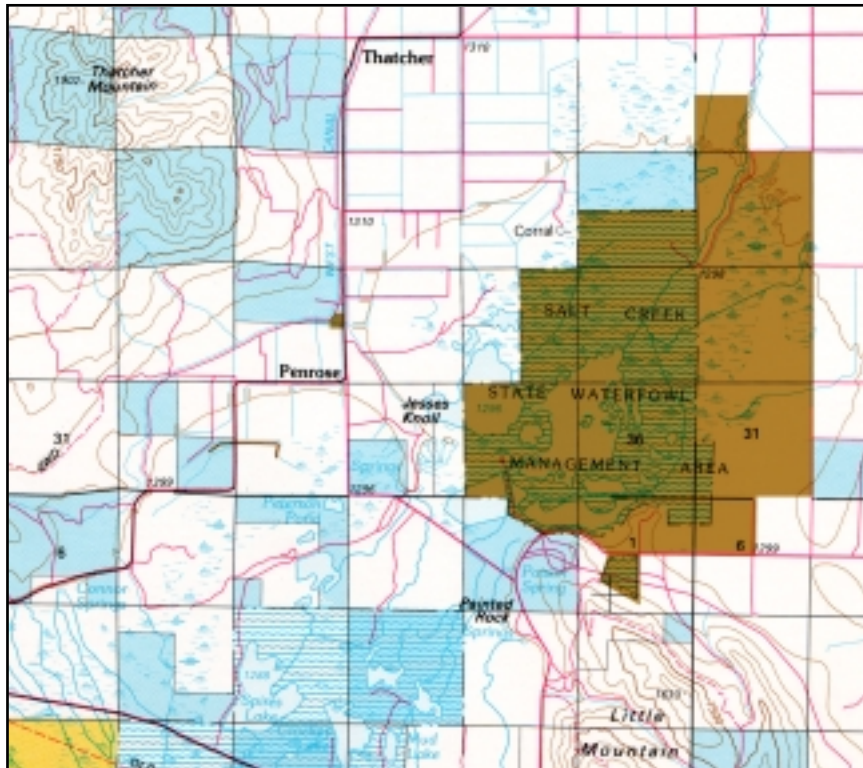
Management Focus

The land was set aside in 1931 by President Hoover to protect waterfowl populations and waterfowl habitats from further decline. A cooperative effort by the Bureau of Land Management, DWR and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands currently manages the unit.

Visitor Use:

- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.
- Interior roads are open during the waterfowl season only.
- Rainbow trout are stocked during the fall and winter months.
- Rest rooms are primitive.
- Camping allowed, no designated sites.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Salt Creek WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tremonton
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Thatcher Mountain,
Tremonton



The Lay of the Land

Emergent marshes and open water habitat make up the 5,254-acre WMA north of the Great Salt Lake.

Location

The WMA is located in Box Elder County, west of Little Mountain and approximately 6 miles southwest of Tremonton. From I-15, take the Corinne exit and travel west on SR-83 to Little Mountain. Immediately west of Little Mountain, turn north on a gravel road (11300 West). Signs direct visitors to the parking locations.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl hunting is popular during the appropriate season. County gravel roads and Compton's Knoll are open all year to facilitate wildlife viewing. Other roads are only open during the waterfowl season. A watchable wildlife site exists at the Compton Knoll area which is good for viewing waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors during the migration seasons. Bald Eagles are visible during the winter months as they feed on carp. Exhibits may be developed in the future.

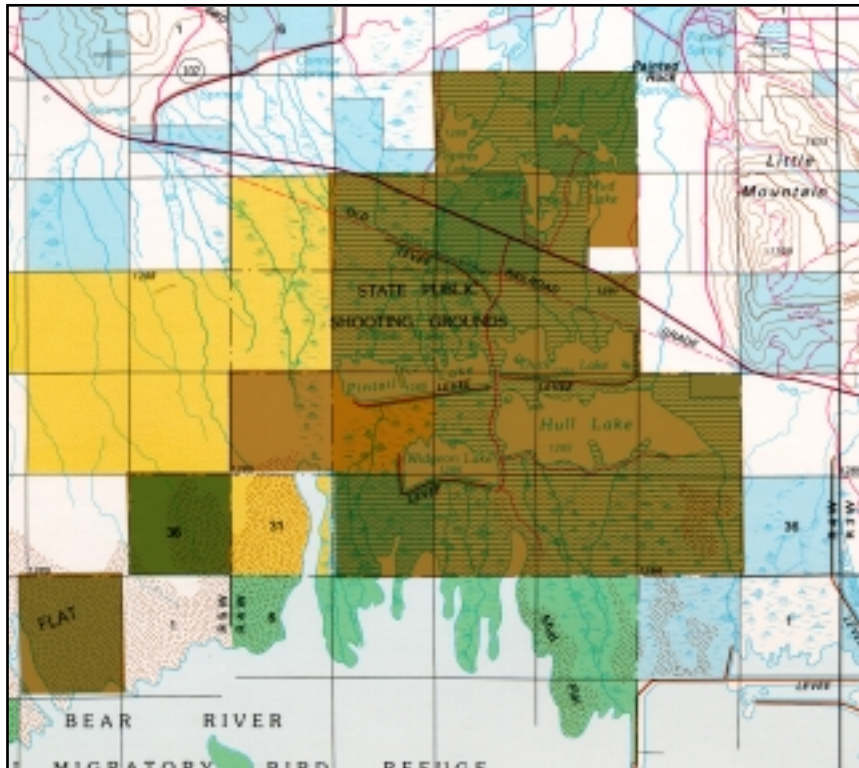
Management Focus

Acquisition began in 1961. The area serves as important nesting, resting and feeding habitat for waterfowl.

Visitor Use:

- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.
- Minimal access is available for launching small watercraft.
- Camping allowed after the outer gates open for the waterfowl season.
- Primitive rest rooms available.
- Compton's Knoll is a designated watchable wildlife site.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Public Shooting Grounds WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tremonton
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Public Shooting Grounds



The Lay of the Land

Emergent bulrush and cattail marshes, open water ponds and mud flats make up the bulk of the WMA's 11,800 acres.

Location

Located 10 miles west of Corinne in Box Elder County—adjacent to Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge. Access from I-15 via the Corinne exit to westbound SR-83. Public Shooting Grounds lands are on both sides of SR-83. Watch for the signs.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl hunting is the primary use of the management area. Area is closed during the off-season.

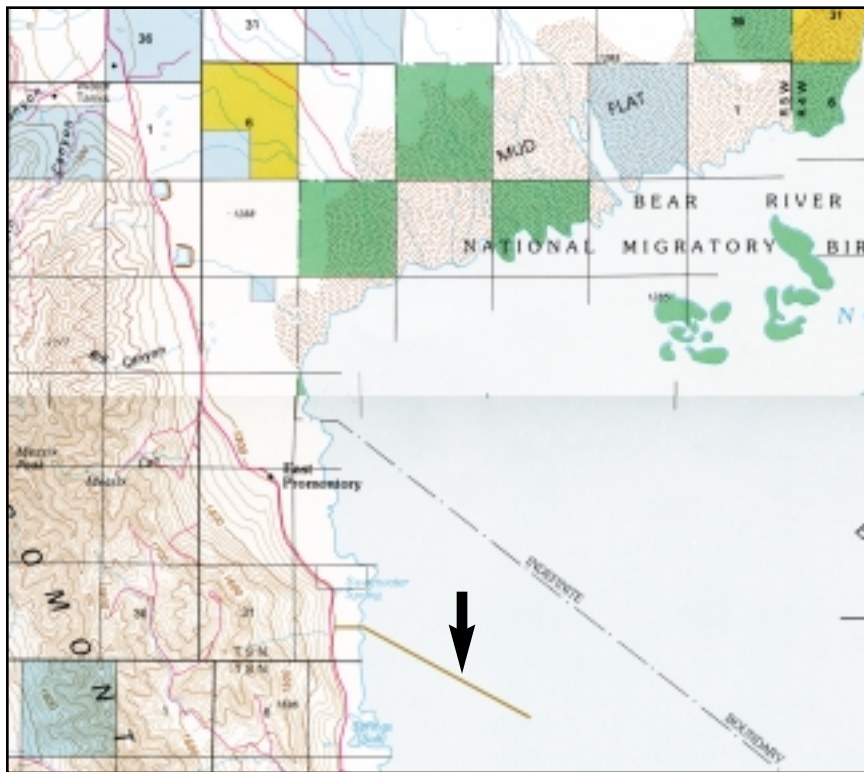
Management Focus

The management area was established in 1928 through the Bureau of Land Management, before the advent of the Duck Stamp era, to specifically manage for waterfowl propagation. It is now cooperatively managed by the DWR and BLM.

Visitor Use:

- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.
- Gates are open one week prior to the waterfowl season and close the day after.
- Visitors must secure permission to enter the area at all other times. Call (435) 854-3610.
- Rest rooms are very primitive.
- Camping allowed, but no designated areas or facilities.
- A designated physically-challenged hunting area has been developed. (Cement ponds and ramps.)
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Bear River Bay Sportsmen Access



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Promontory Point
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): East Promontory



The Lay of the Land

A graveled 1.9 mile long (depending upon elevation of the Great Salt Lake) access road/launching site leads to the Bear River Bay and the Great Salt Lake. Mud flats and low-growing, salt-tolerant vegetation are common in the area. The access site is surrounded by private pastures.

Location

In Box Elder County, from I-15, take the Corinne exit to SR-83 west to where the road forks at Lampo Junction. Continue west toward the Golden Spike National Monument. Turn south on East Promontory Road. The site lies on the east side of the road, approximately 15 miles south of the East Promontory Road turnoff.

What to See and Do

The site serves as a public access for waterfowl hunting and airboat launching onto the Great Salt Lake and Bear River Bay.

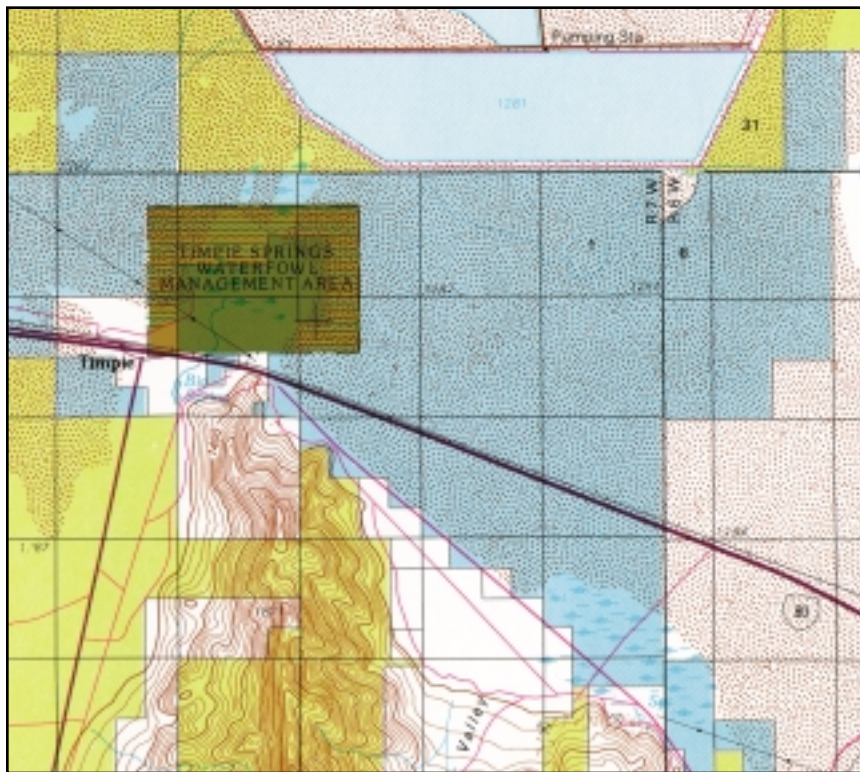
Management Focus

Acquired in the 1970s as additional boat launching access to popular waterfowl hunting areas.

Visitor Use:

- Only open during the waterfowl hunting season.
- Launch facility is a gravel road leading into the lake.
- Please respect surrounding private property.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Timpie Springs WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tooele
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Timpie



The Lay of the Land

Approximately 1,440 acres of emergent marshes, mud flats, salt grass and open water environments make up this WMA. This is a unique spring-fed wetland located between the west desert and the highly saline portion of the Great Salt Lake.

Location

Situated on the south shore of the Great Salt Lake in Tooele County. From I-80 westbound take the Dugway/Rowley Junction exit. Head west for 100 yards. Turn at the first right and continue toward the salt plant. Follow signs east to the management area.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl hunting in season and bird watching during the spring and fall migration seasons. Three miles of dikes and dirt roads are open to walking or non-motorized traffic.

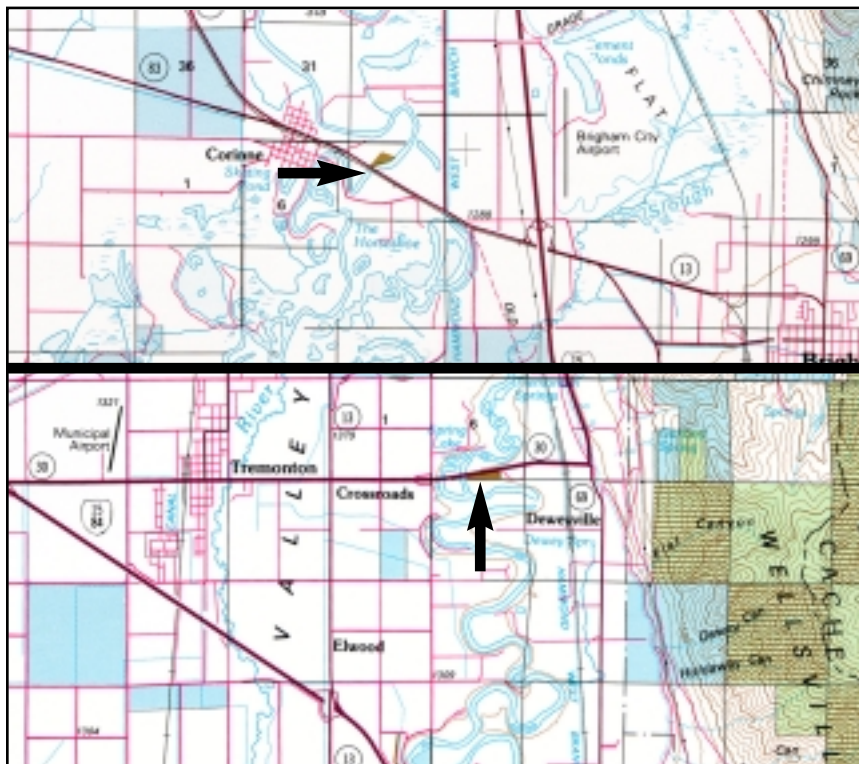
Management Focus

This management area offers protection for one of the few fresh-water wetland habitats for waterfowl and shorebirds along the south shore of the Great Salt Lake. The area also provides public hunting opportunities in Tooele County.

Visitor Use:

- Open all year to general access.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Bear River Access Sites—Box Elder County



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tremonton
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Corinne, Tremonton



The Lay of the Land

Two small parcels offer cement boat launching ramps into the Bear River and provide vehicle parking. Surrounding agricultural lands are privately owned.

Location

One site is near Corinne and the other is between Deweyville and Tremonton. The Corinne site is on SR-13 next to the upstream, west side of the Bear River bridge. The east Tremonton site is off SR-102, next to the Bear River bridge. (From I-15 near Tremonton, head east on SR-30.) The site is located on the east side of the river and on the south side of the road.

What to See and Do

Boat launching ramps provide access to the Bear River for fishing, birdwatching or waterfowl hunting. Fishing is primarily for catfish and some other warm-water species. Canoeing is increasing in popularity as is bird watching for neotropical songbirds along the dense riparian corridor below the rim of the river channel.

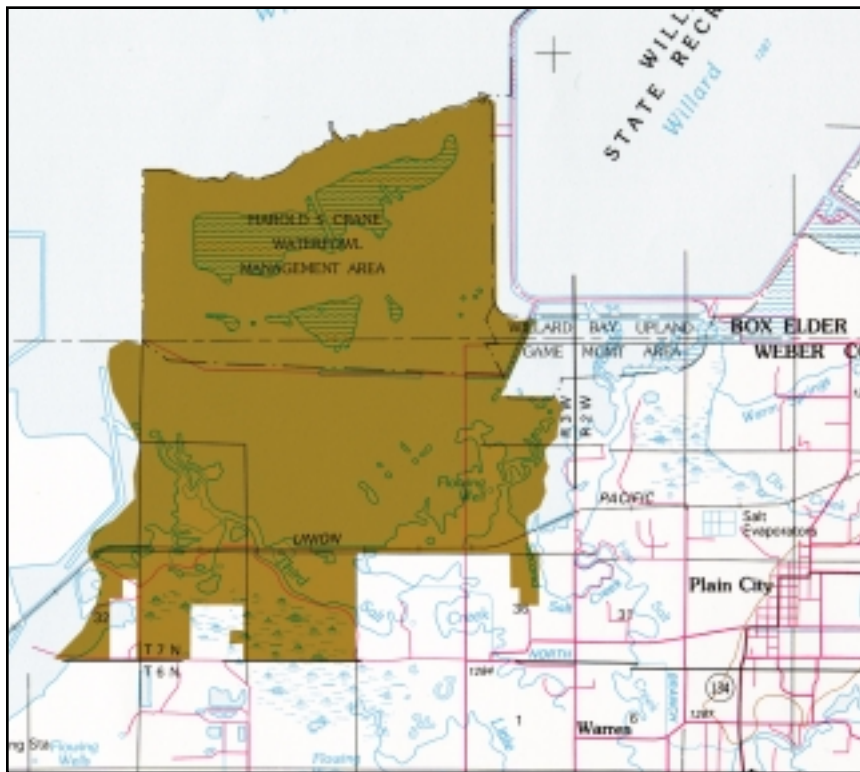
Management Focus

The boat ramps provide boating access to the Bear River which runs through predominately private property. The access opens more avenues for recreation.

Visitor Use:

- Open to the public.
- Please respect adjacent private property.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Harold S. Crane WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Promontory Point
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Plain City SW



The Lay of the Land

The WMA contains 11,303 acres of wetlands typically associated with the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake. Emergent bulrush marshes, mud flats and open water make up the bulk of the Harold Crane WMA.

Location

The Harold Crane management area is located west of Willard Bay and Willard Bay Upland Game WMA in Weber and Box Elder Counties. It lies in the southwest portion of Bear River Bay. From I-15, take Exit 354. Go west to SR-126, then continue west on 4000 North to the Willard Bay Upland Game WMA entrance. Continue west on the dirt road adjacent to the Willard Bay dike for 2-1/2 miles to the main gate.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl hunting during the appropriate seasons. Bird watching for waterfowl and shorebirds during the spring and fall migration periods.

Management Focus

Managed to enhance waterfowl and shorebird nesting and brooding habitats; and for feeding and staging of migrating waterfowl or other migratory birds.

Visitor Use:

- Walk-in access only between September 1 and March 1.
- Fishing access to Willard Bay available from access road. (No fishing on WMA.)
- See waterfowl proclamation for motorized boat restrictions.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Willard Bay Upland Game WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Promontory Point
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Plain City, Plain City SW,
Willard



The Lay of the Land

Two units, East and West, form the Willard Bay Upland Game WMA. Approximately 2,000 acres of wetlands and uplands make up the area. Some acreage is planted in grain to enhance the survival of the pheasant population.

Location

Located in Weber and Box Elder counties near Willard Bay, access is from I-15 at Exit 354. Go west to SR-126. Continue west on 4000 North. To get to the east unit, turn north at the entrance to Willard Bay South Marina. The west unit is accessed further west on 4000 North. Watch for the DWR signs.

What to See and Do

Upland game hunting for pheasants is a popular activity on the WMA. A dog training area is available on the south side of the west unit. Signs are posted to direct dog trainers to the appropriate area. Birds—especially Bald Eagles—can be viewed November through March in the cottonwood trees west of I-15 at Willard Bay State Park. Shorebirds can be viewed on the mud flats on the western boundary of the area. The area also offers fishing access to Willard Bay.

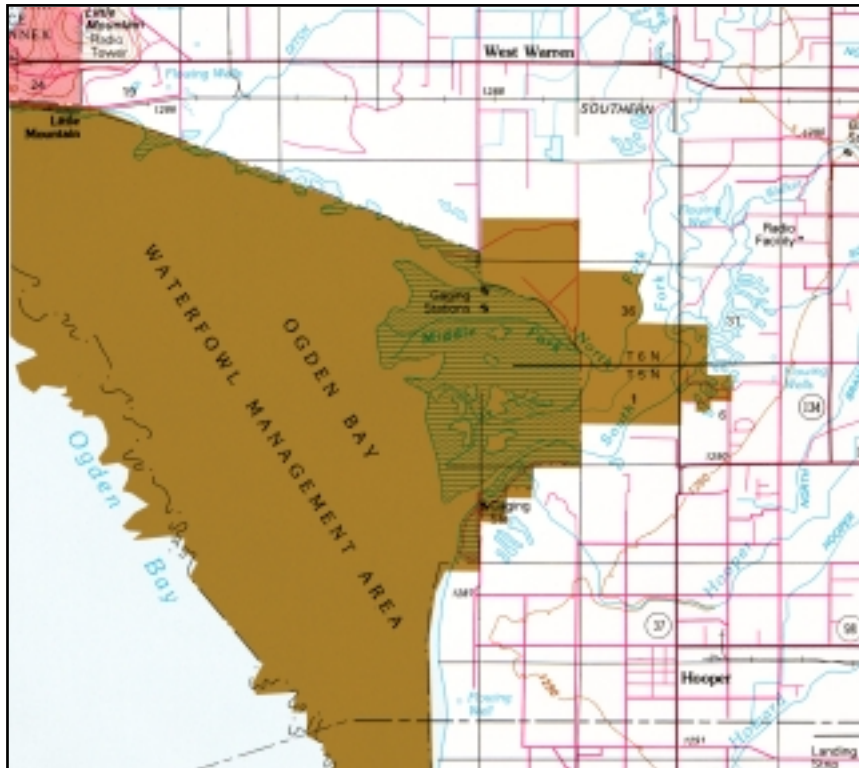
Management Focus

Land is owned by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and is assigned to the DWR to manage as mitigation for loss of wildlife and wildlife habitat resulting from the construction of Willard Bay Reservoir.

Visitor Use:

- Open to the public.
- Dog training areas open seasonally. (See proclamations.)
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Ogden Bay WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Promontory Point
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Ogden Bay



The Lay of the Land

Ogden Bay WMA consists of nearly 20,000 acres of emergent bulrush marshes, mud flats, open water ponds and upland game nesting habitat of tall grasslands, saltbush and greasewood.

Location

The WMA is located west of Roy in Davis County, along the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake. Several access points are available. The main headquarters is accessed from westbound 5500 South in Roy. Turn north on 7500 West in Hooper, stay on 7500 West to headquarters entrance (past Dead End sign).

What to See and Do

In addition to waterfowl and pheasant hunting, activities include bird watching, hiking and biking—and dog training in special designated areas.

Management Focus

Initial lands were acquired in 1937 in response to a national trend of declining waterfowl populations stemming from wetlands loss. Ogden Bay's large scale marsh restoration project was the first Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Project in the United States to use funds collected from the sale of duck stamps. More recent funds to acquire and enhance lands were provided by Ducks Unlimited.

Visitor Use:

- Outer gates open the 3rd Saturday in September through the waterfowl season.
- Critical wildlife production areas are closed during the nesting season.
- Airboats are confined to the Great Salt Lake, west of diked impoundments.
- Airboat launch is located at 9500 West 900 South.
- Motorized boats/canoes may launch from interior parking lot off 7500 West.
- Limited camping when gates are open, stay away from congested lot entrances.
- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Howard Slough WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Promontory point
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Ogden Bay, Antelope Island North, Clearfield



The Lay of the Land

Howard Slough WMA is a man-made wetland composed of open water and emergent bulrush marshes along the east shore of the Great Salt Lake.

Location

It's located on the eastern shores of the Great Salt Lake in Davis County between Ogden Bay WMA and the Antelope Island causeway. From I-15, access is through Roy. Take 5500 South, westbound to 7100 West. Turn left and follow the jog in the road to the east (2425 North), then take the first right (turn south). Follow the signs.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl hunting during the appropriate season is the main activity of the Howard Slough WMA. Bird watching during late spring, summer and fall periods can be good for waterfowl and shorebirds.

Management Focus

The land was acquired in 1958 to create additional wetlands and habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife along the shores of the Great Salt Lake. The area further facilitates public waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- Gates are open from the 3rd Saturday in September through mid-January.
- Closed to all access April – September to protect nesting wildlife.
- Small motorized boats or canoes can be launched from the interior parking lot and are allowed in channels or diked impoundments.
- Airboats are only allowed on the Great Salt Lake, west of dikes. Boat launching is available at the Ogden Bay WMA, 9500 West 900 South.
- Limited camping is allowed after the gates open in the fall; vehicles must be kept on the far end of the parking lot, away from the congested entrance.
- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Layton Wetlands Preserve



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Promontory Point, Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Clearfield, Kaysville, Farmington



The Lay of the Land

The Layton Wetland Preserve consists of a natural pristine wetland with minimal development of dikes and water control structures.

Location

Two entry points give sportsman access to nearly 10,000 acres of marshes along the shores of the Great Salt Lake, south of the Antelope Island causeway near Layton in Davis County. The Rouche Lane entry point is via westbound Gentile St. in Layton or 200 North in Kaysville. Turn south on Angel Street. Travel approximately 1-3 miles to Rouche Lane. Go west on Rouche Lane to the DWR parking lot. The Gailey entrance is also accessible from Gentile Street in Layton, but travel approximately 5-½ miles from I-15 to the KANN radio towers, turn south onto the dirt road to the parking lot.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl and pheasant hunting can be good. Bird watching for shorebirds and waterfowl during the spring and fall migrations is possible.

Management Focus

These State Sovereign lands are managed as part of the Farmington Bay WMA along with additional conservation efforts initiated by The Nature Conservancy in 1985. The lands establish a buffer adjacent to the vast natural wetland complex of the Great Salt Lake.

Visitor Use:

- Gates only open during the waterfowl season.
- Some of the area is owned by The Nature Conservancy; therefore, not all areas are open to hunting. (For more information: contact The Nature Conservancy (801) 531-0999 or Farmington Bay WMA (801) 451-7386).
- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Farmington Bay WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tooele, Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Farmington, Salt Lake City North,
Saltair NE, Saltair



The Lay of the Land

Farmington Bay WMA consists of the emergent bulrush marshes, mud flats, playas and open water habitat consistent with the eastern shores of the Great Salt Lake.

Location

The Jordan River Delta forms the basis of Farmington Bay's 17,000 acres where the river enters the Great Salt Lake in Davis and Salt Lake Counties. Several access sites are available. The main headquarters (north entrance) is accessed off of Glover Lane near Farmington. Exit I-15 at Centerville, proceed north on east Frontage Road to Glover Lane. Travel west on Glover Lane to 1325 West. Turn south and drive ½-mile to headquarters.

What to See and Do

This wetland complex supports a wide variety of activities including waterfowl hunting during the appropriate seasons, bird watching for waterfowl and shorebirds during the spring and fall migration seasons and Bald Eagle viewing opportunities November through March. An auto tour to Egg Island provides a unique experience.

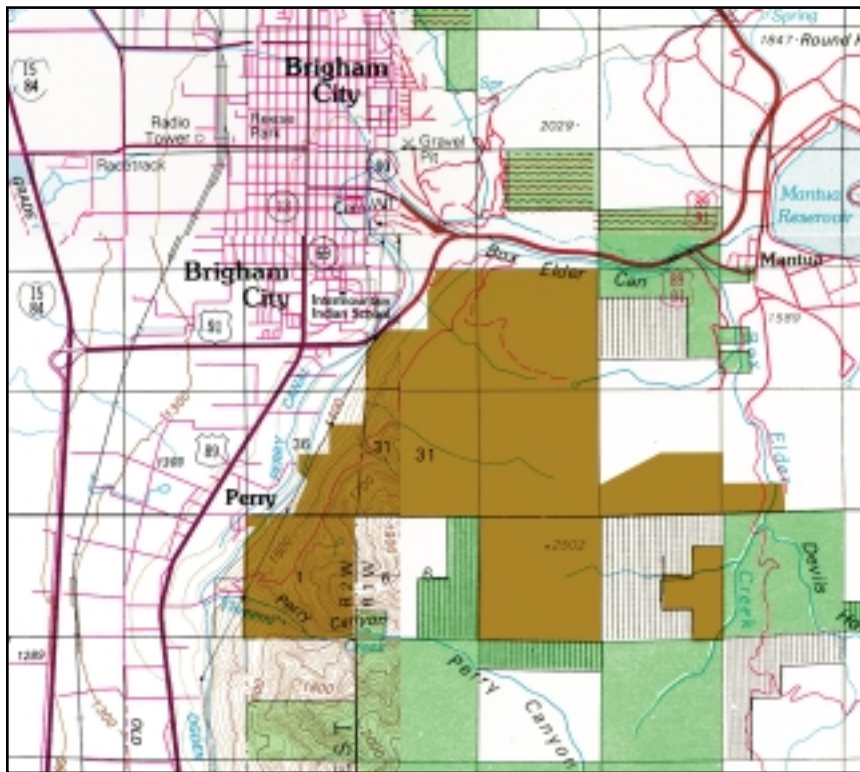
Management Focus

Property management and development of State Sovereign lands, DWR and other donated lands began in 1935. A Civilian Conservation Corps project worked to restore wetlands associated with the Jordan River Delta. The area contains ideally suited habitat for waterfowl propagation and provides recreational opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- The main, north headquarters entrance is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round.
- Balance of areas are open two weeks prior to hunting season thru February.
- Critical wildlife production areas closed during nesting season.
- Handicap-accessible rest rooms are available.
- Vehicle access to some dikes is permitted.
- Dogs are allowed two weeks prior to and during the waterfowl season.
- Hunting is limited to use of shotguns with non-toxic shot.

Brigham Face WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden, Promontory Point
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Mantua, Willard



The Lay of the Land

The management area contains approximately 4,500 acres of foothills, benches and steep hillsides covered with oak, bitterbrush and mahogany. Some small drainages support a limited amount of riparian vegetation.

Location

The foothills above the east side of Brigham City, Willard and Perry in Box Elder County is the general location of this management area. Main access is on the north end of the property: Follow eastbound US-89/91 to about one mile past the stoplight. Turn right up the steep dirt road just before the overpass. Dirt road ends at parking area.

What to See and Do

WMA is primarily used by sportsmen for deer hunting during the fall season. Limited upland game hunting. Bird watching is possible along the small riparian sections.

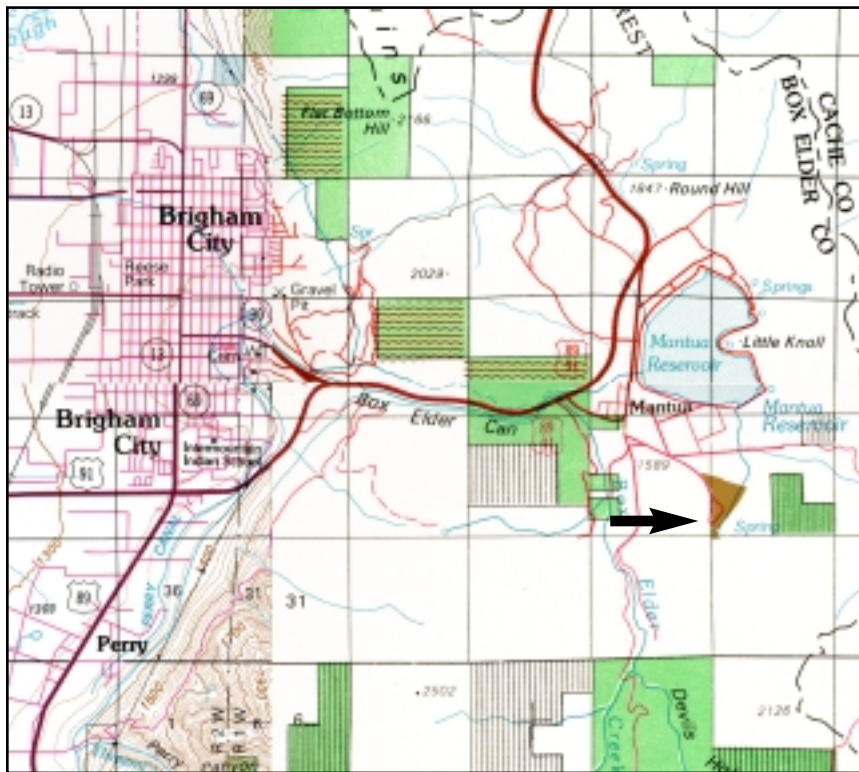
Management Focus

The majority of the management area was acquired between 1939 and 1978 to protect big game winter range. Other wildlife species also inhabit and benefit from the area.

Visitor Use:

- Area is closed to access in late winter and spring to protect wintering big game animals.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Mantua Fish Hatchery



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Mantua



The Lay of the Land

The hatchery site includes a spring at the base of the mountain. Maple Creek originates from this area and flows through the hatchery and then into Mantua Reservoir. Much of the property is surrounded by private pasture lands.

Location

The hatchery is located in Box Elder County, southeast of the town of Mantua on Fish Hatchery Road. From Brigham City, take US-90/91 east. Take the Mantua exit. Drive south on Main St. to the LDS church. Turn left at the 4-way stop sign onto Fish Hatchery Road.

What to See and Do

Hatchery visits are by appointment only. Visitors may view brood stock of Bear Lake cutthroat trout and smaller rainbow, albino rainbow and Bear Lake cutthroats in various stages of development.

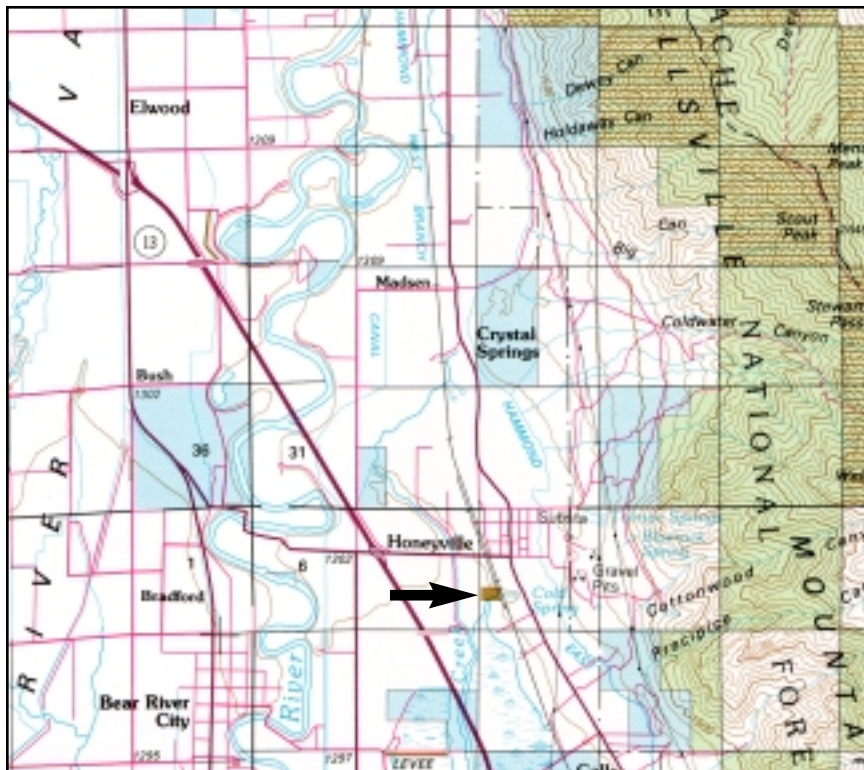
Management Focus

Mantua Hatchery, formerly Maple Springs Hatchery, was purchased from Beatrice Foods in the early 1970s. The old commercial hatchery was rebuilt in 1975-76 with federal funds as part of the Bear Lake Cutthroat restoration project. In the late 1980s the project was moved out of Mantua and the hatchery began providing fish for the statewide fish stocking program. Mantua currently produces rainbows, albino rainbows and Bear Lake cutthroat for stocking in public waters. It also has the state's only Bear Lake cutthroat brood, which produces approximately 6,000,000 eggs per year. These eggs are shipped to other state hatcheries which produce fingerling and sub-catchables for Bear Lake, Strawberry Reservoir, Minersville Reservoir and several other small lakes in the state.

Visitor Use:

- Closed to the public. Open for group tours by appointment. Call (435) 723-6579.
- Please contact the hatchery well in advance for group tours.
- No fishing.

Honeyville Pond Angler Access



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tremonton
1:24,000 (7 1/2 minute quad): Honeyville



The Lay of the Land

Honeyville Pond (Coldsprings Pond) is a 2-acre spring-fed pond surrounded by pasture and hay fields.

Location

Pond is located about 1/2-mile south of Honeyville in Box Elder County. Take I-15 to Honeyville exit (#375), go east about 1 mile to southwest corner of Honeyville. Proceed south on gravel road that runs alongside railroad tracks (tracks on west side of road) for about 1/4-mile. Access signs direct to pond on west side of road.

What to See and Do

Pond offers fishing for stocked rainbows and wild brown trout.

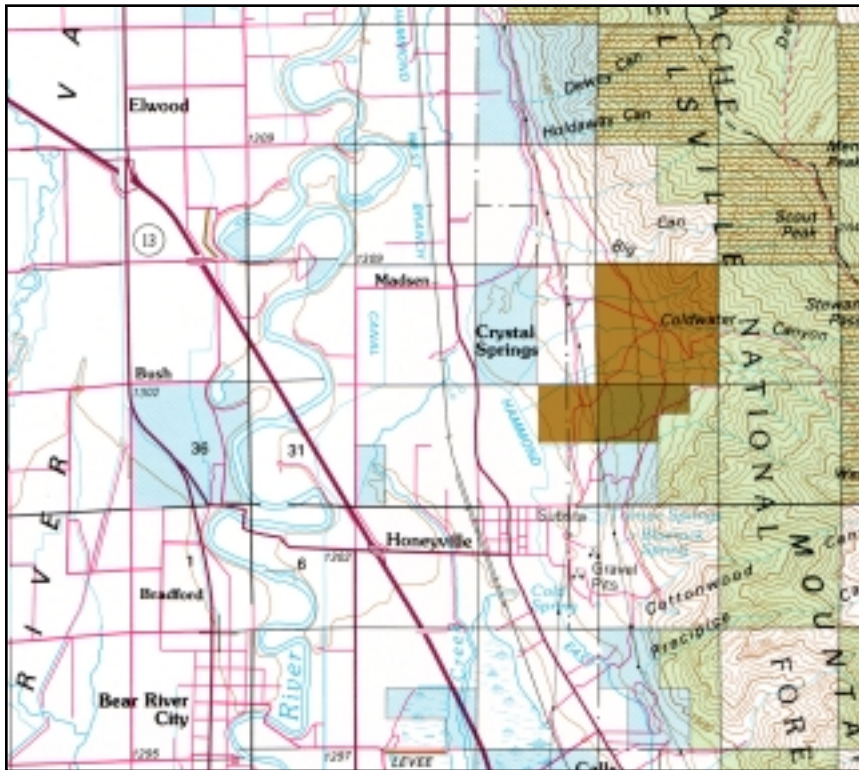
Management Focus

Access to pond is for public fishing on leased private land with a 10-year lease that expires in the year 2008.

Visitor Use:

- Please respect private property.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Coldwater Canyon WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tremonton
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Honeyville



The Lay of the Land

Gently sloping sagebrush foothills give way to steep mountain sides on this 1,000-acre WMA. The vegetation changes to juniper, sumac and mahogany as the elevation rises.

Location

Located in the foothills northeast of Honeyville, Box Elder County. From Honeyville, head north on SR-38 to 7200 North. Turn east and continue until road turns north onto USDA Forest Service lands and then onto Coldwater Canyon WMA.

What to See and Do

Primary activity of management area is sport hunting for deer during the appropriate season. Area also provides access to adjacent USFS lands. Opportunities are available to view migrating raptors during spring and fall periods as the Wellsville Mountains form a well-used migration corridor.

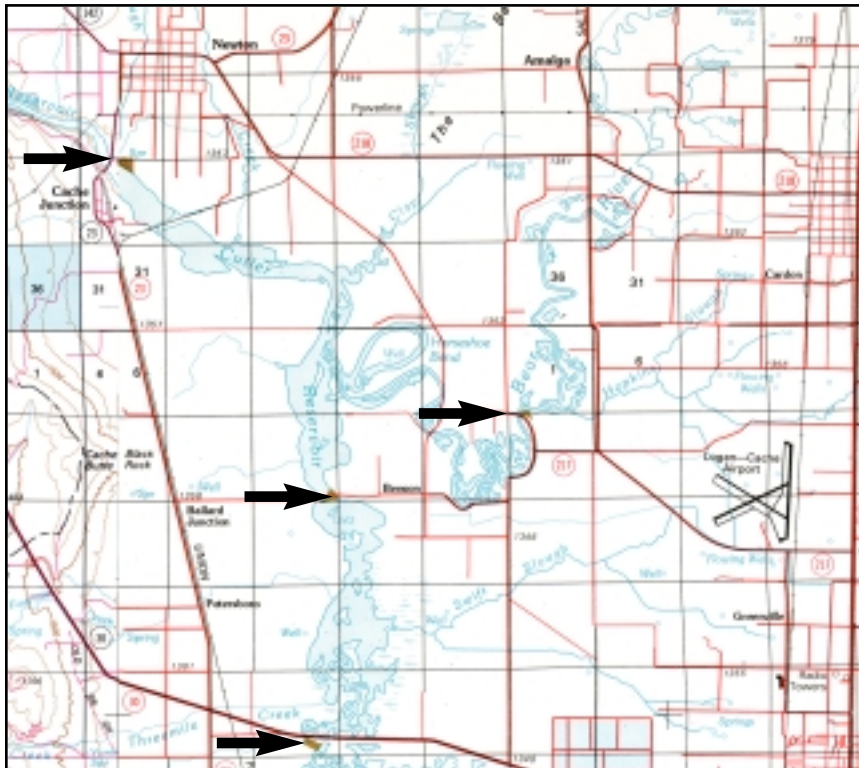
Management Focus

Management area was acquired in 1997 as part of a land exchange with the Utah Department of Transportation. The land provides important winter range for deer herds and other wildlife species.

Visitor Use:

- Trails access USFS lands.
- Area is closed in late winter and spring to protect wintering deer.
- Please respect adjacent private property.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Bear River Access Sites—Cache County



The Lay of the Land

Several boat launching ramps with adjacent parking areas provide access to portions of the Bear River and Cutler Reservoir. Much of the surrounding land is privately owned.

Location

The ramps are located along Cutler Reservoir, west of Logan in Cache County. Four boat ramps are available: 1) Off of Valley View Highway (SR-30), next to the bridge; 2) Benson Marina, west of Benson; 3) Next to the bridge over the Bear River, north of Benson; 4) Next to the bridge over Cutler Reservoir, north of Cache Junction (SR-23).

What to See and Do

Fishing for catfish, crappie and black bass, wildlife viewing and waterfowl hunting during the appropriate season in Cutler Reservoir and the Bear River.

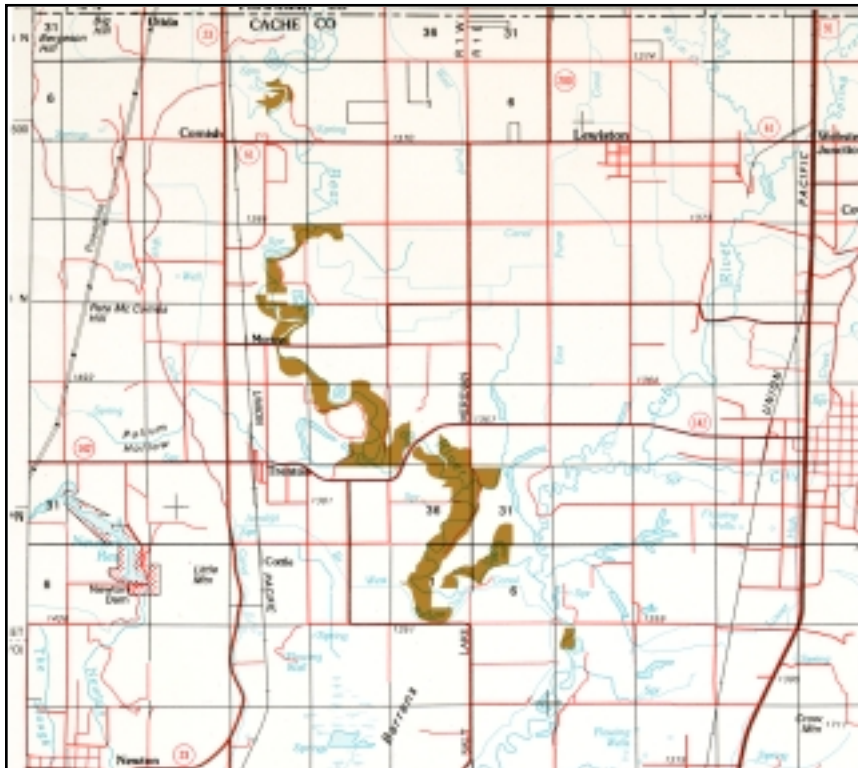
Management Focus

These areas were acquired for the express purpose of providing sportsman access to the Bear River and Cutler Reservoir. Some of these facilities were developed in cooperation with PacifiCorp.

Visitor Use:

- Open to the public.
- Please respect private property.
- Visitors should remove their own trash.
- Fishermen visiting during early spring should exercise good judgement so as not to disturb nesting waterfowl.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Bear River Bottoms WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Logan
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Trenton; UT/ID



The Lay of the Land

The area consists of 1,300 non-contiguous acres of the Bear River corridor and its surrounding wetlands, wet meadows and riparian vegetation consisting of cottonwoods, willows and woody shrubs. Privately-owned agricultural lands, including livestock pastures and crops, surround most of the property.

Location

This stretch of the Bear River runs between Amalga and Cornish in Cache County. Sportsman access is via SR-142 east of Trenton. Go north on Center Street in Trenton. A boat launch is available. It is located along 2000 South in Lewiston or 1200 North in Trenton. Go 1/8-mile down the road. Other access points are available, but because of the “patchwork” pattern of private lands, please review maps carefully before attempting access.

What to See and Do

Fishing for catfish can be excellent at times. Upland game and waterfowl hunting are popular pursuits. Canoeing and kayaking is increasing in popularity in the river. Spring and summer bird watching along the Bear River riparian corridor is good for neotropical migrants and waterfowl.

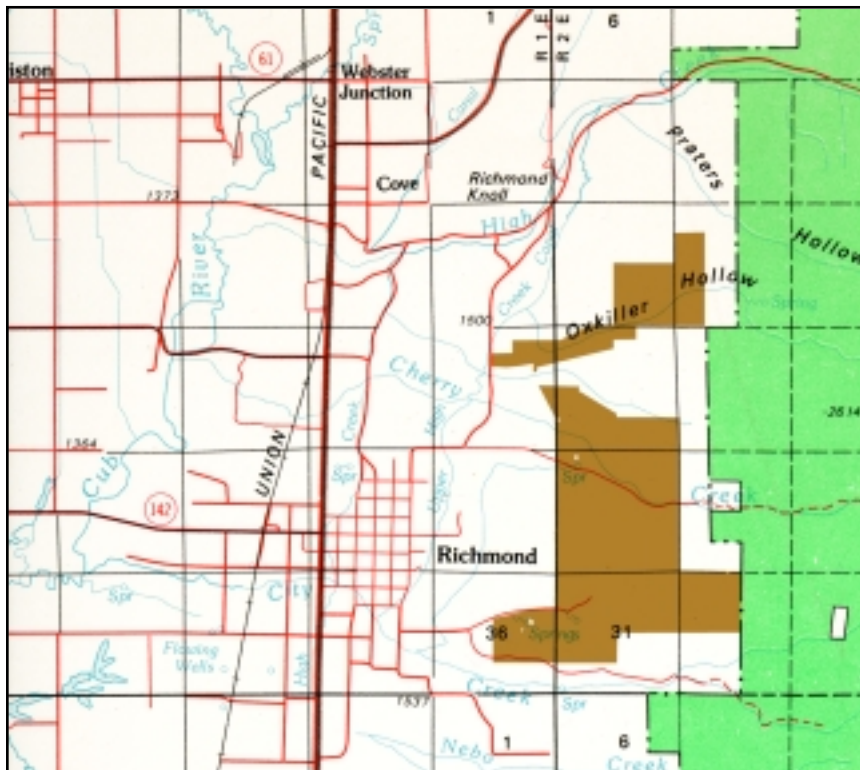
Management Focus

The land is leased by the DWR and Pheasants Forever from Utah Power and Light (PacifiCorp) to enhance pheasant habitat and to provide additional upland game hunting opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- Some parcels are accessible only from the river.
- The DWR lands are marked and visible along the river banks.
- The only boat ramp requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle to trailer launch.
- Please respect adjacent private property. Gain permission before accessing private lands.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Richmond WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Logan
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Richmond



The Lay of the Land

Two units, Oxkiller and Cherry Creek, comprise the Richmond WMA which covers about 2,000 acres. The units mostly consist of brush-covered, sloping foothills. Some portions contain planted alfalfa fields for emergency feeding of elk. Several seasonal drainages support a variety of riparian habitat such as decadent cottonwoods, big tooth maple and willows.

Location

WMA is located in northern Cache County, east of Richmond. To reach the Cherry Creek portion, take US-91 to Richmond. In Richmond, turn east on Main Street, go to 300 East. Turn north to 500 North. On 500 North, turn east and continue until paved road splits with gravel road. Take the gravel road approximately 1 mile to parking lot and trailhead.

What to See and Do

Cherry Creek unit has a picnic pavilion. Big game hunting for deer and elk and upland game hunting for pheasants, grouse and chukars are possible recreation opportunities. Hiking and bird watching are available along the riparian corridor. Horseback riding through the property and to access USDA Forest Service lands and the Mt. Naomi Trailhead is becoming popular.

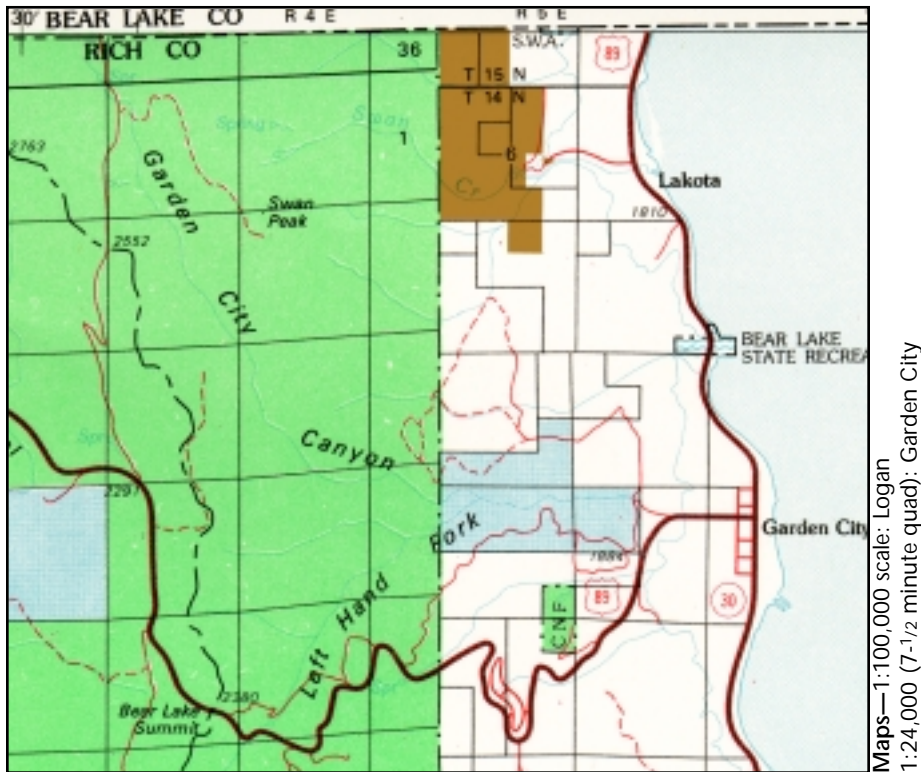
Management Focus

Management area was acquired in the 1980s in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to preserve big game winter habitat. It also serves as non-motorized access to USFS lands.

Visitor Use:

- Area is closed to access in late winter and spring months to protect wintering big game animals.
- Picnic pavilion on Cherry Creek unit. Call Richmond City for reservations.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Swan Creek WMA



The Lay of the Land

The management area comprises approximately 700 acres ranging from the 6,400- to 7,000-foot elevation. Hillsides are covered in dense brush and trees—mostly mountain mahogany and conifers. The spring area contains a riparian corridor.

Location

Property is located on the west side of Bear Lake, 1-½ mile south of the Idaho border in Rich County. From Garden City, follow US-89 north, turn left (west) on Swan Creek Road at Lakota. Travel about 1 mile. Road ends at spring. Property is not signed.

What to See and Do

WMA offers good opportunities to hunt deer, elk, moose and Blue Grouse and Ruffed Grouse in their respective seasons. Spring birding for neotropical migrant songbirds along the riparian corridor also a possibility. Property offers access to adjacent USDA Forest Service lands to the west.

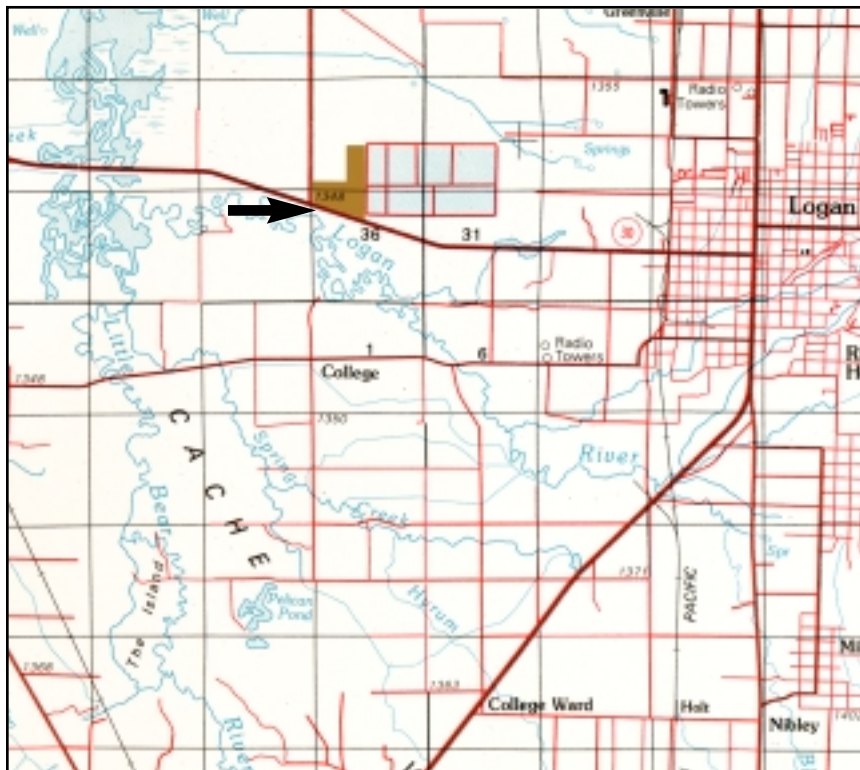
Management Focus

Wildlife management area was purchased in the late 1970s to ensure adequate winter range for big game animals in the area.

Visitor Use:

- Road access limited, area is accessible by foot traffic.
- Access to adjacent USFS property.
- Adjoins Idaho State Line. Be mindful of your location while hunting.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Cache Valley Hunter Education Center



The Lay of the Land

The Cache Valley Hunter Education Center sits on 68 acres. The complex has the following ranges: 50-foot small bore indoor range; 50-foot hand gun outdoor range; 50-yard outdoor range, 100-yard outdoor rifle range; 20-yard indoor archery range; and 10- to 100-yard archery outdoor sight-in range; trap, skeet, riverside skeet and 5-stand sporting clays. The sporting clays are managed through a concessionaire. Three classrooms are available for hunter education instruction. In addition to the various ranges and classrooms, the property also features seven interconnected ponds (all less than one acre) and wetlands which provide habitat for nesting waterfowl.

Location

The facility is located approximately 2-½ miles west of Logan along Valley View Highway. Address is 2851 West 200 North, Logan, UT 84321.

What to See and Do

The ranges offer a wide variety of shooting opportunities for hand guns, small and large caliber rifles, shotguns and archery.

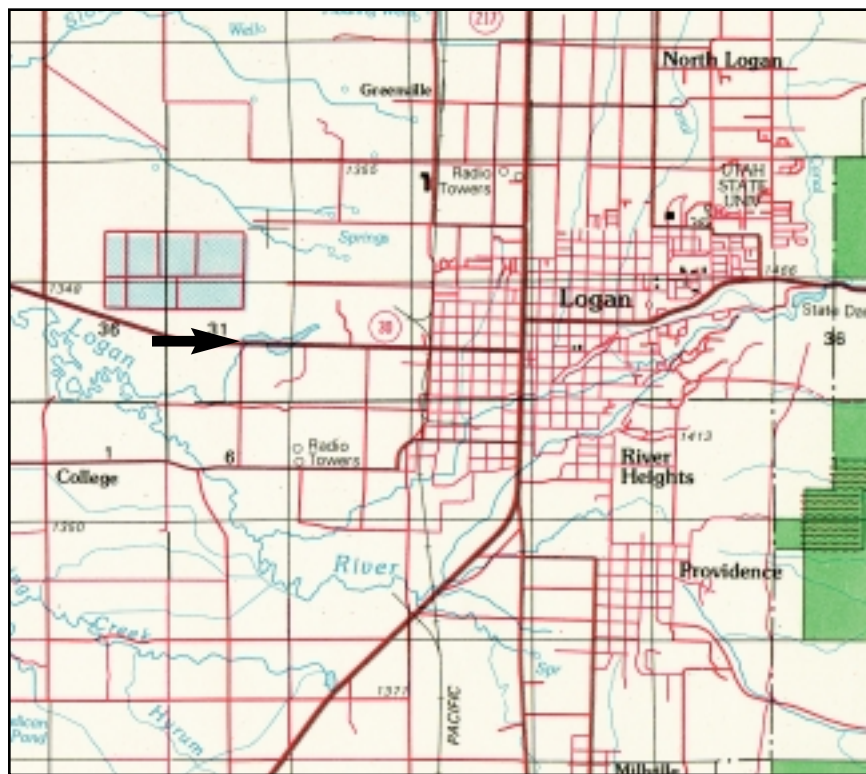
Management Focus

The complex was established in 1991 to provide classrooms for hunter education and shooting facilities in the Cache Valley.

Visitor Use:

- No fishing access.
- No camping facilities.
- Call (435) 753-4600 for information.

Fisheries Experiment Station



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Logan
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Wellsville



The Lay of the Land

The Fisheries Experiment Station (FES) has a total of 12.23 acres. Sixteen artesian wells ranging in temperature from 54F–65F and having a total flow averaging close to 5 cfs are used to raise various research and production fish. The surrounding area is mostly farmland with some industrial development nearby. A slough, which is the backwater from the Cutler Marsh, borders the north and west end of the property.

Location

The Station is located 2 miles west of Logan, Utah at 1465 West 200 North.

What to See and Do

The FES is not open to the public.

Management Focus

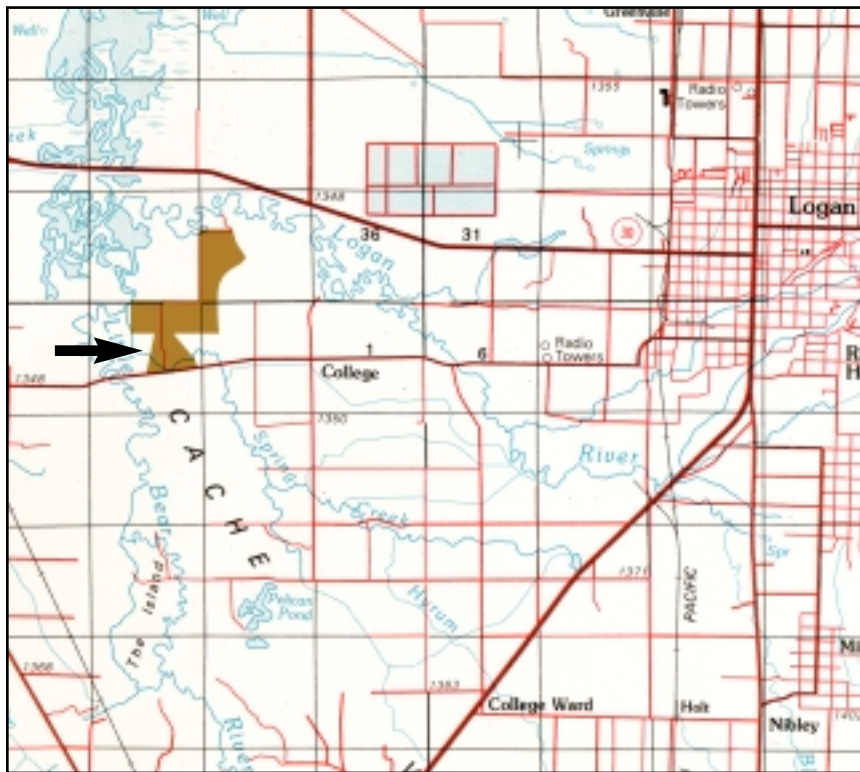
The fish culture section of the Fisheries Experiment Station is responsible for the culturing of fish for the research program, various production needs for stocking lakes and streams and the development of brood stock for the State fish culture program. The June sucker, an endangered species endemic to Utah Lake, is being cultured for future brood stock. Several strains of native cutthroat, such as the Bear Lake, Bonneville and Colorado strains are raised here.

The research program is responsible for researching various methods and techniques to improve the quality and survivability of cultured fish. Research is also being conducted on whirling disease. The fish health section is responsible for annual inspections of each State hatchery and several lakes and streams.

Visitor Use:

- Visitation is not allowed.

Bud Phelps WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Logan
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Wellsville



The Lay of the Land

Formerly a cattle ranch, the Bud Phelps WMA features upland and wetland complexes, along with open grasslands, planted crops and a spring creek flowing through the property. The crops enhance pheasant habitat and Spring Creek supports riparian vegetation. The area floods during spring runoff, making the area inaccessible. The WMA contains about 150 acres. However, public access is permitted on the adjacent 2,400 acres of PacifiCorp lands. A map should be reviewed before accessing the area.

Location

The Bud Phelps WMA is located in Cache County near Logan and adjacent to the Little Bear River. Access to the complex is via US-89/91. Northbound to Logan, take 1000 West. Turn left (west) on 600 South (aka Mendon Road). Proceed west to 3600 West, then turn right (north). Go about 1/2-mile to the entrance road.

What to See and Do

The primary purpose of this area is upland game and waterfowl hunting. Bird watching is best in fall and winter. The WMA offers excellent opportunities to view Sandhill Cranes during the spring, summer and fall months.

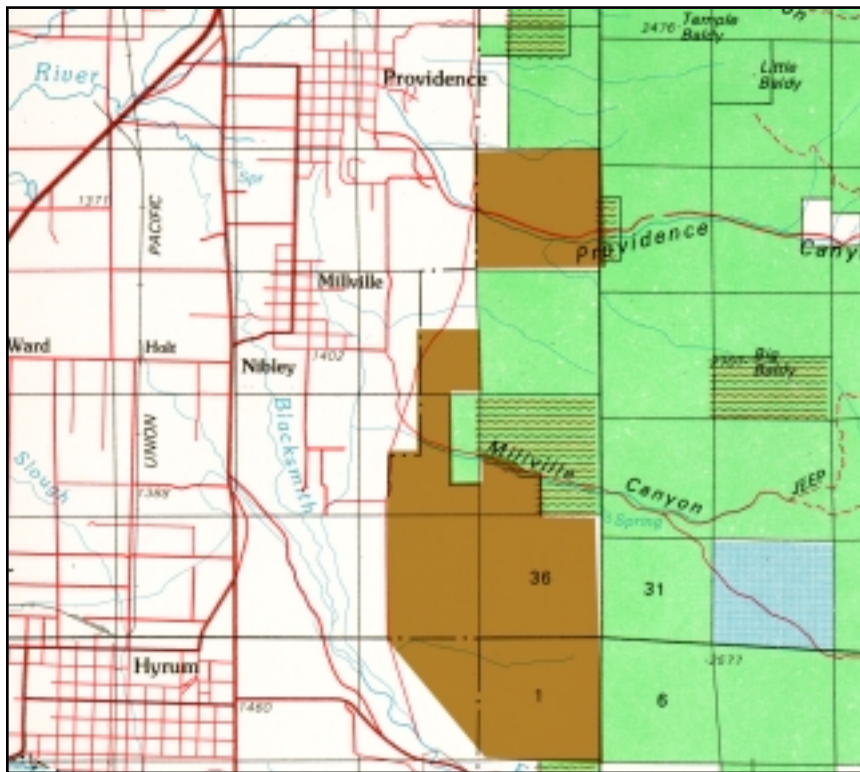
Management Focus

The property was purchased to improve wildlife production and hunting opportunities which were being diminished in Cache County by rapid urbanization, intensive farming and livestock grazing. The goal is to improve the variety and abundance of upland grassland bird species through habitat protection and enhancement; and by providing small grain crops to lure foraging and staging Sandhill Cranes and Canada Geese away from adjacent, private agricultural areas.

Visitor Use:

- Public access is restricted from April 1 to the end of September during critical wildlife production periods.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Millville Face WMA



The Lay of the Land

Sagebrush, bitterbrush and annual grasses cover the foothills of this eastern Cache Valley wildlife management area.

Location

The foothills lie between Providence Canyon and the Blacksmith Fork River in Cache County and cover approximately 3,000 acres. Property is accessible from three locations: 1). Take SR-101 east from US-89/91 through Hyrum to the mouth of Blacksmith Fork Canyon. Cross Blacksmith Fork River, park on the east side of the road at the DWR trailhead parking lot. 2). From Millville Canyon Road, east of Millville. 3). On Providence Canyon Road, east of Providence.

What to See and Do

The management area offers opportunities to hunt for deer and elk during the appropriate seasons. Fishing is for rainbow trout, but in late summer low stream flows in Millville and Providence Canyons may limit availability of fishing. Excellent viewing of elk and deer during winter months.

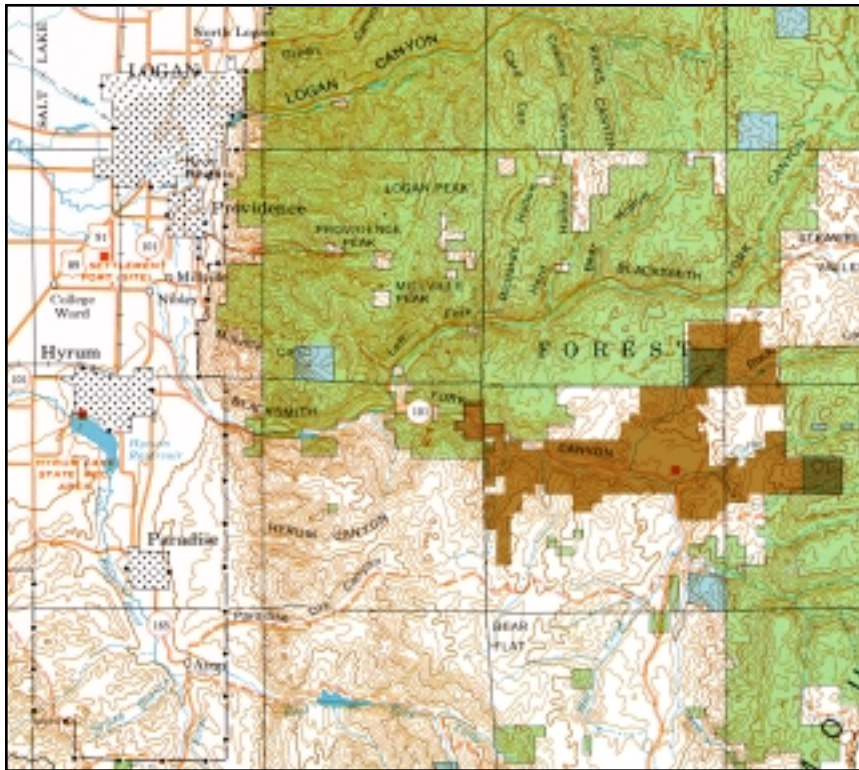
Management Focus

Property was purchased in the 1930s and '40s to provide winter range for big game. Many other wildlife species benefit from the habitat protection.

Visitor Use:

- Area is closed to access in late winter and spring to protect wintering big game.
- Trails connect to USFS lands.
- Fishing is limited, due to changing stream flows.
- A hiking and biking trail lies above the game fence between Providence Canyon and Millville Canyon.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Hardware Ranch WMA



The Lay of the Land

Topography varies on the 14,000-acre WMA. Area ranges in elevation from the meadows at 5,200 feet to mid-elevation mountain brush communities, sage brush, conifers and aspens covering rolling hills and steep canyons up to 7,600 feet. Several riparian corridors of cottonwoods, willows and woody shrubs are found along several important creeks such as Rock Creek, Curtis Creek and the Blacksmith Fork River.

Location

Management area is located on SR-101, approximately 15 miles east of Hyrum in Cache County. Signs direct visitors to the DWR property which lies on both sides of SR-101.

What to See and Do

Fishing is available for whitefish, rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout in the streams. Hunting for deer, elk and moose in unprotected units. Camping, hiking and horseback riding are popular summer activities. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are great winter activities. One of the most popular tourist activities on Hardware Ranch is sleigh rides to view the wintering elk. A visitor center and cafe is available.

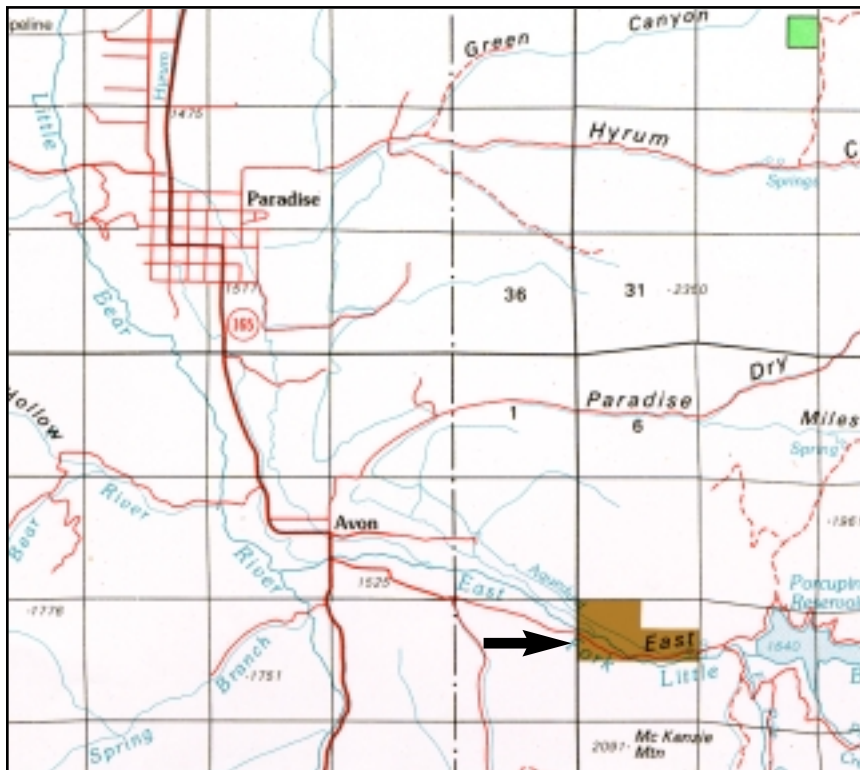
Management Focus

Initial property acquisition began in 1945 to provide high elevation winter range for big game. The feeding program discourages elk from wintering in areas of limited habitat in many parts of Cache Valley.

Visitor Use:

- Sleigh rides take visitors around the feeding grounds to watch elk in winter.
- Camping and hitching racks to tie horses are available.
- Visitor center is open daily.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

East Fork Little Bear River WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Logan
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Paradise



The Lay of the Land

A 240-acre parcel provides about 1 mile of access to the East Fork of the Little Bear River. A low-gradient valley stream features riparian vegetation of cottonwood trees, willows, rose, dogwood and other wetland plants. The bordering mountain-sides are very steep. Lands surrounding the property are privately owned.

Location

The management area is in Cache County, southeast of Avon and downstream from Porcupine Reservoir. From SR-165 south of Avon, turn east onto East Canyon Road toward Porcupine Reservoir, travel approximately 2-½ miles. The property lies along the road and is well signed.

What to See and Do

Fishing for brown and cutthroat trout is popular. There is limited big game hunting for deer and elk on the surrounding steep hillside. Nearby Porcupine Reservoir offers a good summer Kokanee salmon fishery and viewable spawning run in September. Neotropical songbirds use the riparian vegetation for nesting and feeding.

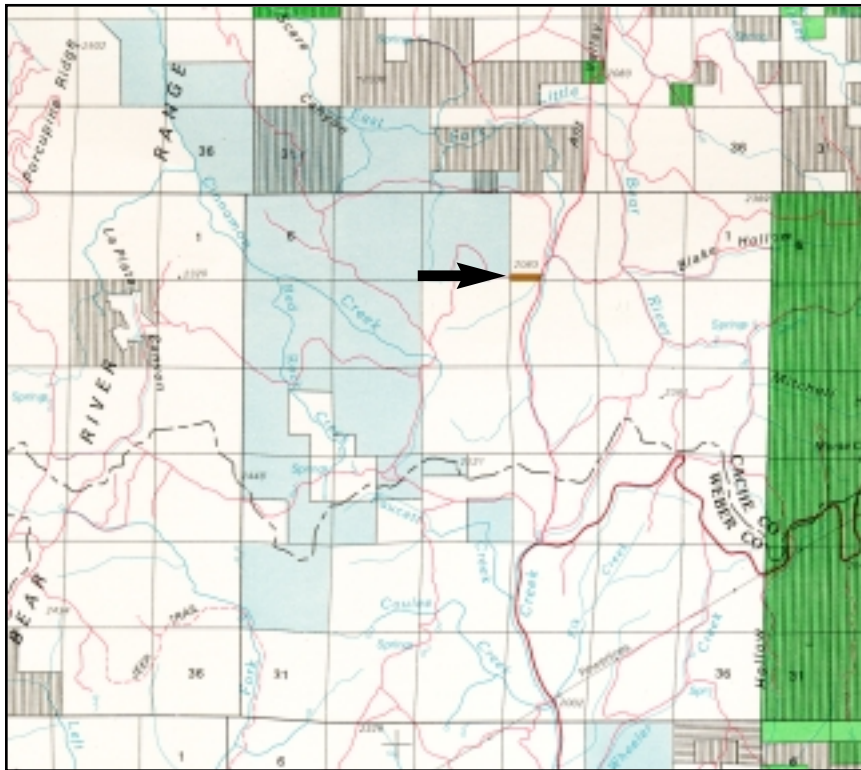
Management Focus

Management area was acquired in the mid 1980s. An intensive stream rehabilitation project was conducted on half the site to repair previous flood control efforts of channel straightening. Cooperative efforts between the DWR and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) constructed a new stream channel whereby wildlife and fish habitat improved, erosion and siltation were reduced, and an adequate flood plain was created.

Visitor Use:

- Respect adjacent surrounding private property.
- Camping and picnicking is primitive.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Ant Flat Access



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Monte Cristo Peak



The Lay of the Land

A short road provides sportsmen access to public lands—primarily a 9,600-acre block of State School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) property. The area serves as headwaters of many small drainages leading to Porcupine Reservoir.

Location

Located in Cache County near Monte Cristo Peak, the lane is accessible from two directions: Follow SR-39, east from Huntsville toward Monte Cristo. Head north on USFS Road-054 (Ant Flat Road) for approximately 3-½ miles. The access road is on the west side. Or, from SR-101 at Hardware Ranch, follow the paved road south as it becomes USFS Road-054 (Ant Flat Road). Access is about 12 miles south on west side of road. Look for signs.

What to See and Do

The public lands accessible provide wonderful opportunities to hunt for Blue Grouse, deer, elk and moose. The many small drainages offer fishing for rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout. Bird watching for bluebirds and other high elevation songbirds is excellent. Snowmobiling is popular in winter.

Management Focus

To provide access to a block of School Trust lands and public lands.

Visitor Use:

- Access road open year-round, though travel is limited when wet.
- Multiple recreational opportunities are available on state lands accessible by this road.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Woodruff Co-op Wildlife/Livestock WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Neponset Reservoir NE



The Lay of the Land

Comprised of gently rolling plains, the 5,100 acre management area is formed through a cooperative agreement, which allows for livestock grazing on the cold, high desert sagebrush flats common in eastern Utah/western Wyoming.

Location

The parcel lies on the Utah/Wyoming border east of Woodruff in Rich County. Several access points are available along the northeast side of SR-16 between Woodruff and the Wyoming border.

What to See and Do

Primary recreation of management area is hunting for antelope, deer and Sage-Grouse during the appropriate seasons.

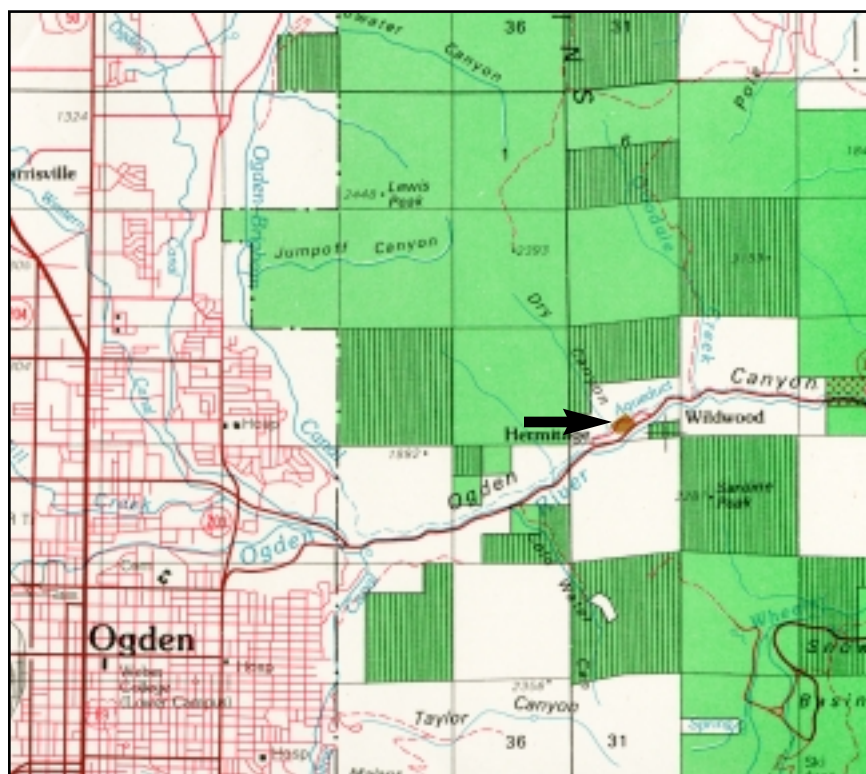
Management Focus

A cooperative agreement was formed in 1989 between the DWR, BLM, State School and Institutional Trust Lands and a private landowner to protect critical habitat for deer, antelope and Sage-Grouse. An agreement between these agencies and the private landowner manages the resource for both wildlife and livestock.

Visitor Use:

- Use discretion when using areas used by livestock.
- Wildlife viewing site and a sign exhibit are available.
- Please close the gates.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Ogden River Angler Access



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Ogden



The Lay of the Land

The small parcel of land situated between the highway and the river was formerly a cabin site. The surrounding urban area consists of cabins and houses along the highway and river corridor.

Location

Access site is approximately 100 yards upstream from the Alaskan Inn in Ogden Canyon, Weber County. From I-15 take SR-39 (12th Street, Ogden) and head east until entering the mouth of Ogden Canyon. Address is 475 Canyon Road.

What to See and Do

Property provides fishing access to the Class 1-rated Ogden River. Fishery contains a naturally reproducing population of brown trout. Rainbow and cutthroat trout can also be found throughout the river.

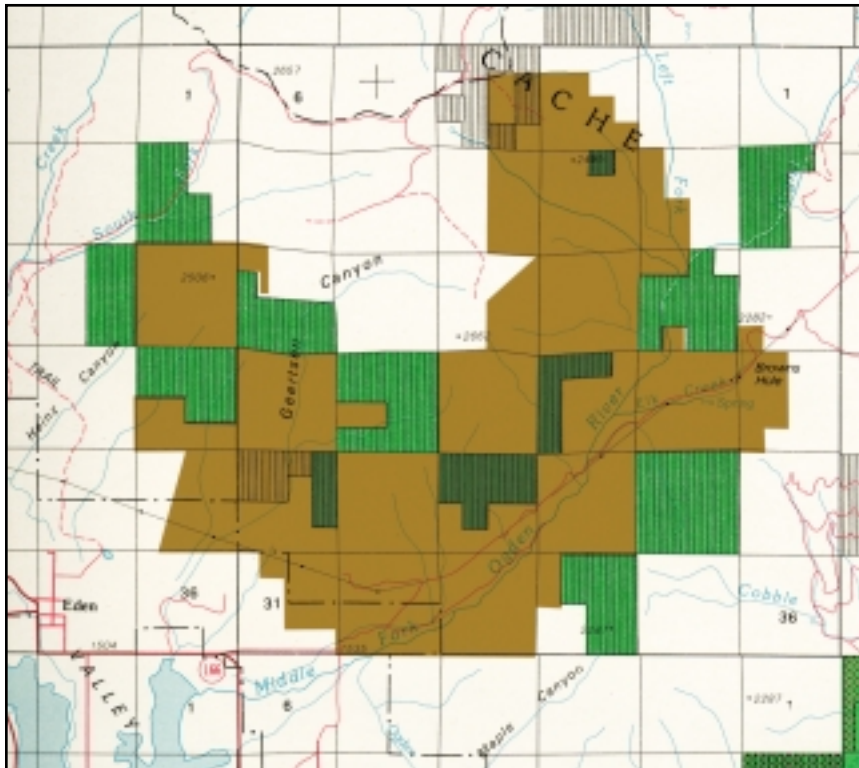
Management Focus

Access site is one of the only public fishing and parking areas on this stretch of the river. Acquired in 1996, the land was originally purchased by the Stonefly Society and then subsequently purchased by the DWR.

Visitor Use:

- Parking and fishing access to the Ogden River.
- Please respect private property.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Middle Fork WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Huntsville, Brown's Hole



The Lay of the Land

Middle Fork encompasses approximately 15,080 acres of sagebrush, bitterbrush and mahogany-covered foothills. It includes a major, 10-mile portion of the Middle Fork of the Ogden River and a 3-1/2 mile section of Geertsen Creek. The creek bottoms feature a healthy riparian corridor of cottonwoods, willows and woody shrubs.

Location

The property is located in the foothills northeast of Huntsville in Weber County. Follow SR-39 to Huntsville, then continue north on 7800 East, past the Monte Cristo turnoff. Then bear to the right when the highway bends left. Continue straight onto the dirt road to the WMA entrance. A DWR sign marks the entrance.

What to See and Do

A wide variety of recreational opportunities await the sportsman on Middle Fork WMA: hunting for deer, elk, upland game and turkey. Stream fishing for rainbow, brown and cutthroat trout. Horseback riding, hiking and bird watching are also popular. Nearby, Pineview Reservoir offers perch, crappie, bass and tiger muskie fishing.

Management Focus

Initial lands were acquired in 1985 and now include a combination of purchased lands, deeded conservation easements and a management agreement with the USDA Forest Service. The area is managed for critical winter habitat for big game animals, but also provides seasonal recreation opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- Area is closed to access winter through early spring to protect wintering big game.
- Small camping area (no designated camp sites) and hitching racks are available to tie horses.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Stoddard Slough WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Morgan



The Lay of the Land

Stoddard Slough WMA contains approximately 22 acres of fish ponds (old raceways) and spring-fed wetland complexes. A main creek channel supported by 3 smaller tributaries flows through the property.

Location

The property is located about 5 miles northwest of Morgan, in Morgan County. Access is from I-84. Eastbound from Ogden take Exit 96 (Peterson/Stoddard). Pass under the freeway. Turn right onto the Old Hwy, go 5 to 6 miles and take the right turn onto Stoddard Lane. Cross the overpass over I-84. At the bottom of the overpass, turn left on Hatchery Road. Follow the signs. On westbound I-84, take Morgan exit. Head northwest along the Old Hwy. Turn left on the overpass over the freeway. At the bottom of the overpass turn left onto Hatchery Road.

What to See and Do

The ponds are stocked with approximately 3,500 rainbow trout annually. Fishing is the main activity. Bird watching for song birds is possible in the riparian section above the northeast pond that parallels the railroad tracks.

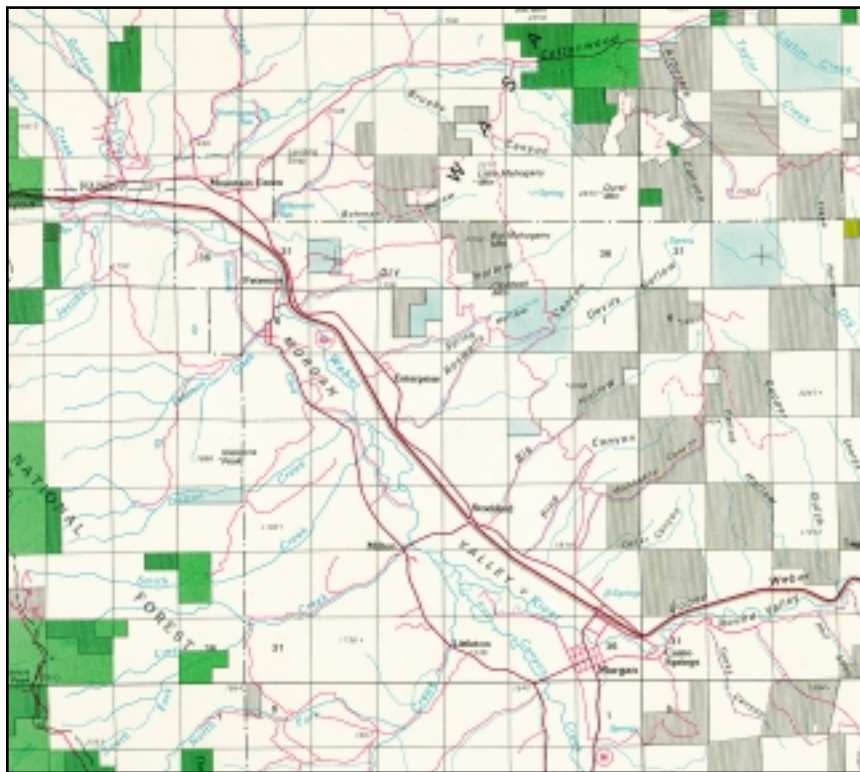
Management Focus

The WMA was acquired in 1938 to develop a fish hatchery. Hatchery operations were ceased in 1960 due to the high cost of fish production. The wetlands are maintained with some tree and shrub seedlings that have been planted. The ponds are managed to provide one of the few public fishing accesses in Morgan County.

Visitor Use:

- The area is open to public access year-round.
- Portable rest rooms are operational from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day only.
- Handicapped angler access is possible because paved roads run along the waterway edge in some locations.

Weber River Angler Access—Morgan Valley



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Morgan, Peterson, Snowbasin



The Lay of the Land

The river corridor features cottonwoods, willows and other shrubs. The river flows through a wide, gently-sloping agricultural valley.

Location

Several access points in Morgan County between Mountain Green and Morgan along the Weber River. Access points are marked with DWR signs.

What to See and Do

Fishery includes cutthroat, brown and rainbow trout plus mountain whitefish.

Wildlife viewing of herons, cranes, raptors and deer. Songbirds can be viewed during the spring and fall migrations. Bald Eagles are present in the cottonwoods from mid-November to mid-March. Large groups of Turkey Vultures roost in the cottonwood trees.

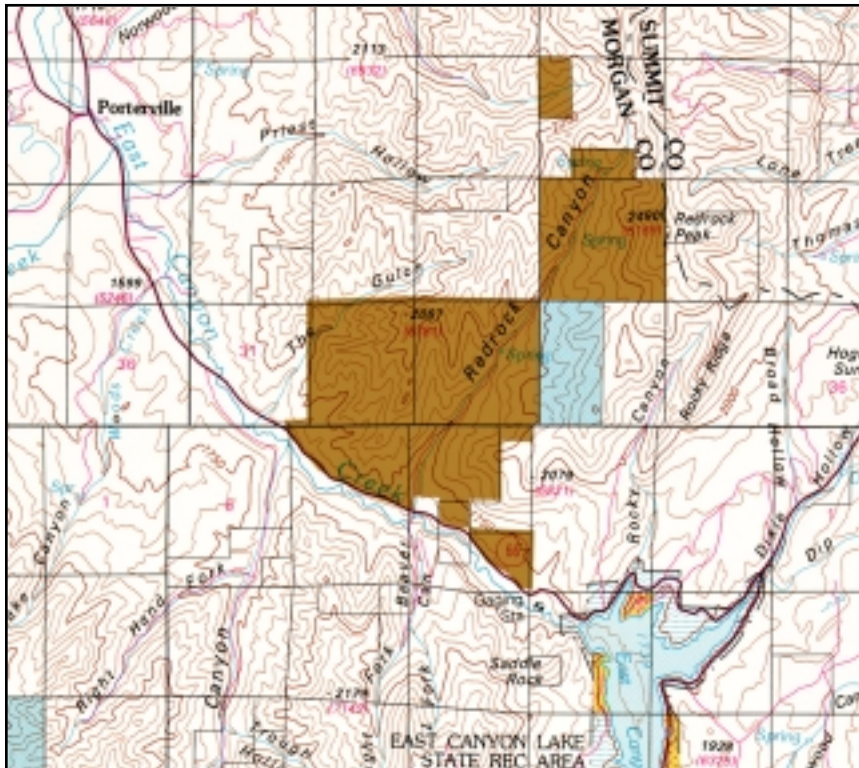
Management Focus

Some of these properties are owned by the DWR and others are protected with conservation easements. The management objective is to provide angler access while enhancing floodplain and riparian habitats for wildlife.

Visitor Use:

- Do not block gates.
- Please respect private property; obtain permission before accessing private lands.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

East Canyon WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Porterville,
East Canyon Reservoir



The Lay of the Land

The extremely steep hillsides above Red Rock Canyon support Gambel oak, sagebrush and mixed mountain brush communities. A small riparian corridor along stream is comprised of cottonwoods, alder, dogwood and other riparian plants.

Location

Management area is located a few miles northwest of East Canyon Reservoir in Morgan County. From the town of Morgan follow SR-66 south/southeast for 7 to 8 miles. Watch for entrance sign on left. (The property is about 2 to 3 miles below East Canyon Dam.)

What to See and Do

The WMA is primarily used for deer hunting opportunities. Bird watching for neotropical migrants is possible along the small riparian corridor. Hiking is growing in popularity on the management area. The area is aesthetically appealing due to the presence of Red Rock Canyon.

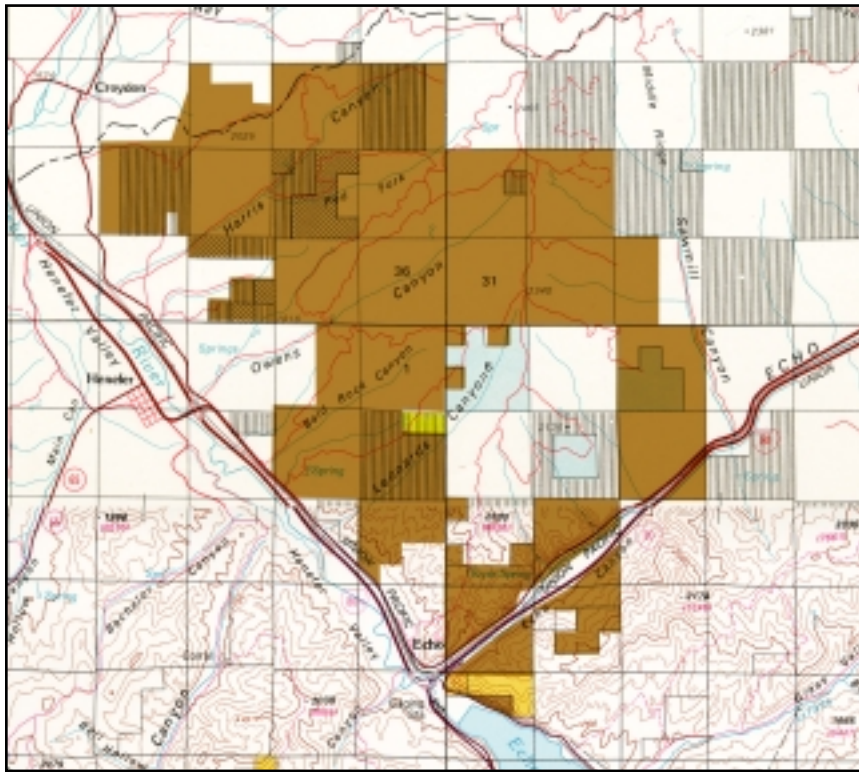
Management Focus

The lands were acquired in 1985 as important big game winter range.

Visitor Use:

- Good hiking area.
- Area is closed in late winter and spring to prevent undue physical stress on wintering deer populations.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Henefer-Echo WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Ogden, Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Henefer, Devils Slide,
Heiner's Creek, Coalville



The Lay of the Land

Two units form approximately 14,300 acres of sagebrush, bitterbrush, oak brush and grass-covered hills. Several small, intermittent drainages support riparian vegetation. Thick, brushy draws can also be found in places.

Location

Units are located north of Henefer and Echo (north of I-84 and I-80 junctions) in Morgan and Summit Counties. Main access points near Croyden and Echo include: Bull Hallow, Fire Canyon and Croyden. The Croyden parking area is accessed approximately 3 to 5 miles southeast of Croyden on SR-86. Echo parking area can be reached via the Old Hwy on northeast side of the valley. The road parallels I-84. Look for signs.

What to See and Do

Sportsmen find the management area particularly good for hunting big game and upland game. Deer and elk hunters are the predominate users of the properties, but Chukar, wild turkey, and Blue and Ruffed grouse hunting is usually good as well. Horseback riding is another popular spring to fall recreational activity. Bird watchers may find songbirds in the riparian vegetation and Bald Eagles during the winter months.

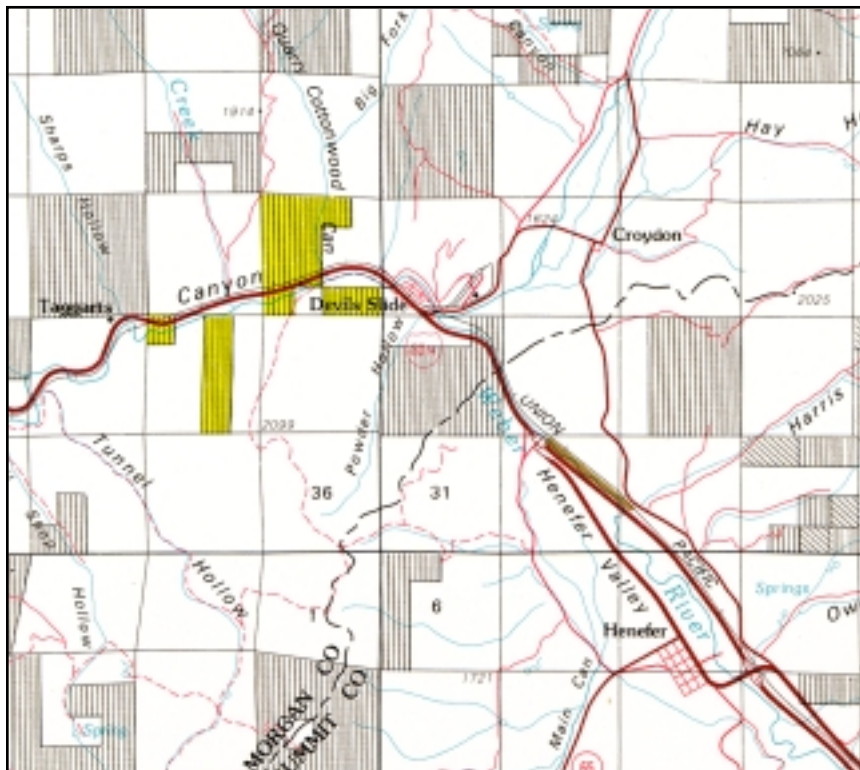
Management Focus

Purchased lands were acquired between 1972 to 1980 as big game winter range. Units are composed of DWR, BLM, State Land Board lands and several private inholdings. A detailed map (available from DWR) should be reviewed carefully.

Visitor Use:

- Visitors may view unusual rock formations.
- Horse tie racks are available.
- Property is closed to all access in late winter and spring to protect wintering wildlife.
- Please respect private property; obtain permission before accessing private lands.

Weber River Angler Access—Below Echo



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7.5-minute quad): Devils Slide, Henefer



The Lay of the Land

The river corridor features cottonwoods, willows and other shrubs. The river flows through a wide, gently-sloping agricultural valley.

Location

Most of the river corridor is privately owned. However, easements have been acquired for public access in several locations. Look for fence stiles and signs indicating public access areas. Also, look for signs identifying DWR ownership. An access program on the Weber River will increase opportunities for public access in the future.

Henefer—Weber River Access — Exit #112 from I-84, turn north toward the river. Parking area is adjacent to the river.

What to See and Do

Fishery includes cutthroat, brown and rainbow trout, plus mountain whitefish. Wildlife viewing of herons, cranes, raptors, and deer. Songbirds can be viewed during the spring and fall migrations. Bald eagles are present in the cottonwoods from mid-November to mid-March. Large groups of turkey vultures roost in the cottonwood trees. Kayakers enjoy launching their boats from the DWR unit to kayak the swift section of the river below Echo.

Management Focus

Some of these properties are owned by the DWR and others are protected with conservation easements. The management objective is to provide angler access while enhancing floodplain and riparian habitats for wildlife.

Visitor Use:

- Park off SR-86.
- Do not block gates.
- Please respect private property; obtain permission before accessing private lands.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Weber River Access—Wanship to Coalville



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Coalville, Wanship



The Lay of the Land

The unit consists of private property with angler access easements to portions of the Weber River. Area features pastured flood plain and remnant cottonwoods.

Location

River access is available from several points along the frontage road that parallels I-80 between Wanship and Coalville. Anglers should watch for fence stiles and angler access signs. A part of the area features a restored river bend in which pools were enhanced to improve the river habitat for adult trout and whitefish.

Some of the accesses are located 2 miles south of Coalville in Summit County. From I-80, take the Coalville exit, go south on Hoytsville Road for about a mile. Then go west on Hobson Lane about 1/4-mile. Turn south on gravel frontage road adjacent to west side of I-80, go about 3/4-mile to fence stile. Watch for signs.

What to See and Do

Fishing is for cutthroat, brown and rainbow trout and mountain whitefish. Wildlife viewing is possible for a variety of birds.

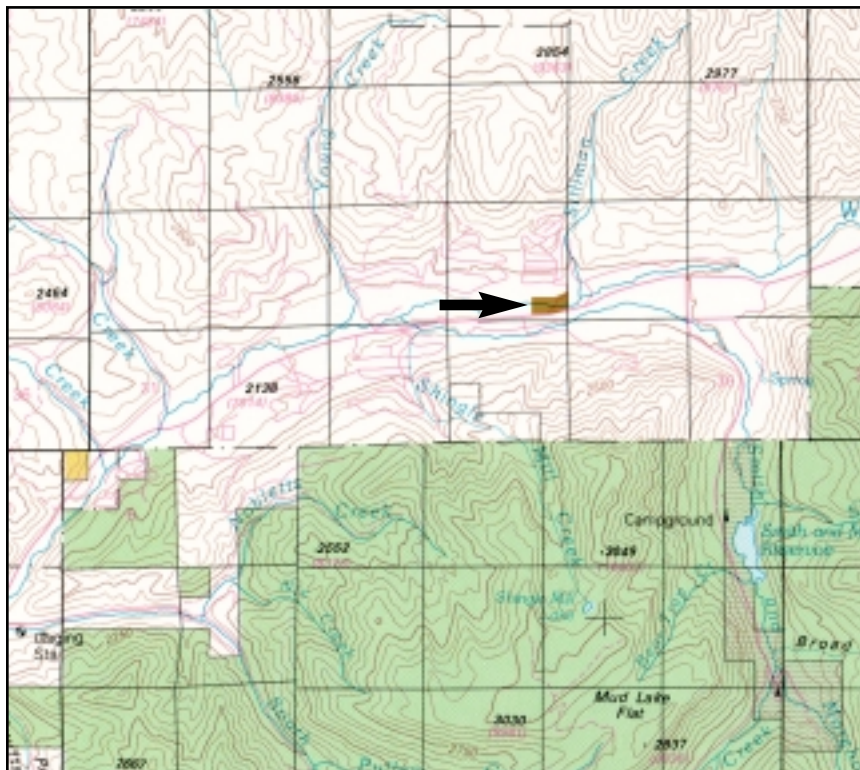
Management Focus

Perpetual conservation easements have been acquired to protect and enhance riparian habitat, improve habitat conditions for the fishery, and to provide public access for fishing and wildlife viewing.

Visitor Use:

- Please respect private property; obtain permission before accessing private lands.
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Do not block gates.

Weber River Angler Access—Above Rockport



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Hidden Lake



The Lay of the Land

The area features an alpine setting with a cabin development area nearby. The river corridor consists of riparian vegetation such as cottonwood trees, willows and other woody shrubs. It is a beautiful setting with a quality trout stream.

Location

Fishing opportunities are limited throughout this section of the Weber River. Look for fence stiles and signs indicating public access areas. Also, look for signs identifying DWR ownership at Aspen Acres.

Aspen Acres—DWR owns 16 acres of land and 1,100 feet of river corridor east of Oakley near Smith and Morehouse Reservoir. From Oakley, go east about 10 miles on Weber Canyon Road (SR-213) to the Aspen Acres development. Access is on the north side of the road.

What to See and Do

Fishing for cutthroat, brown, brook and rainbow trout, as well as mountain whitefish. Wildlife viewing is diverse and includes birds and mammals.

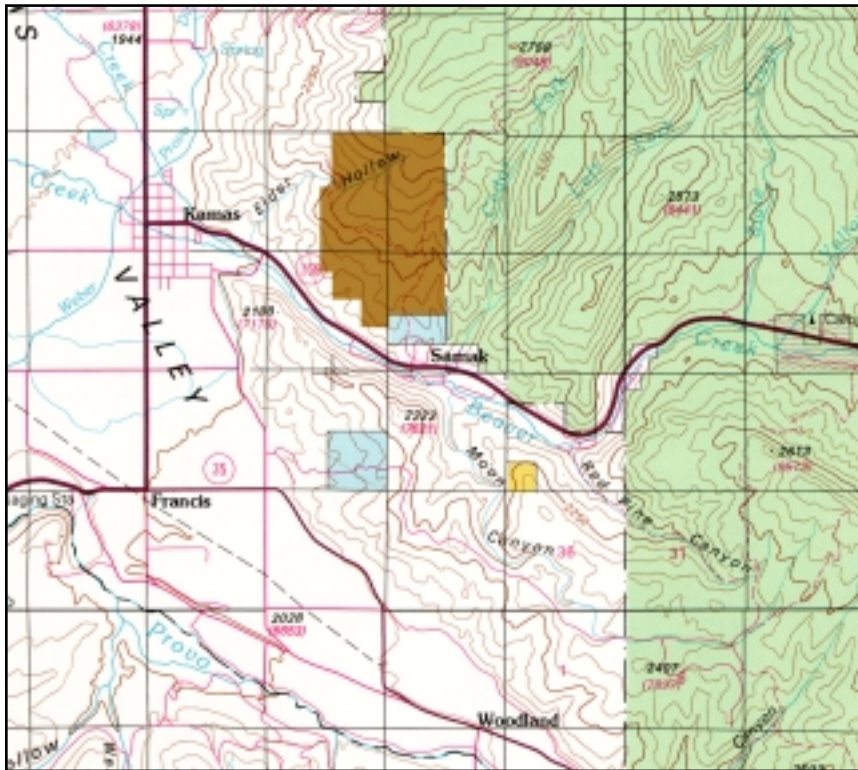
Management Focus

Properties offer public fishing access on the mostly-private upper Weber River. Part of the access was acquired through a cooperative agreements with the landowners. The DWR is working to provide additional angler access in this area and to protect and enhance important riparian habitats.

Visitor Use:

- When parking, do not block gates.
- Please respect private property; obtain permission before accessing private lands.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Kamas WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Kamas, Hoyt Peak



The Lay of the Land

The management area is comprised of shrub (chokecherry and oak) covered, rocky and steep hillsides ranging in elevation between 6,680 and 8,560 feet. Total acreage is 1,100 acres.

Location

In Summit County, head east from Kamas to the foothills on the Mirror Lake Hwy. (US-150) approximately 1-1/2 miles. Watch for a dirt road on the north side of the highway. A DWR sign is located adjacent to the road. The road has a very steep grade as it winds through a housing development.

What to See and Do

Predominate use of the management area is big game hunting for deer and elk during the appropriate seasons. Hikers find the area convenient for access to contiguous USDA Forest Service lands.

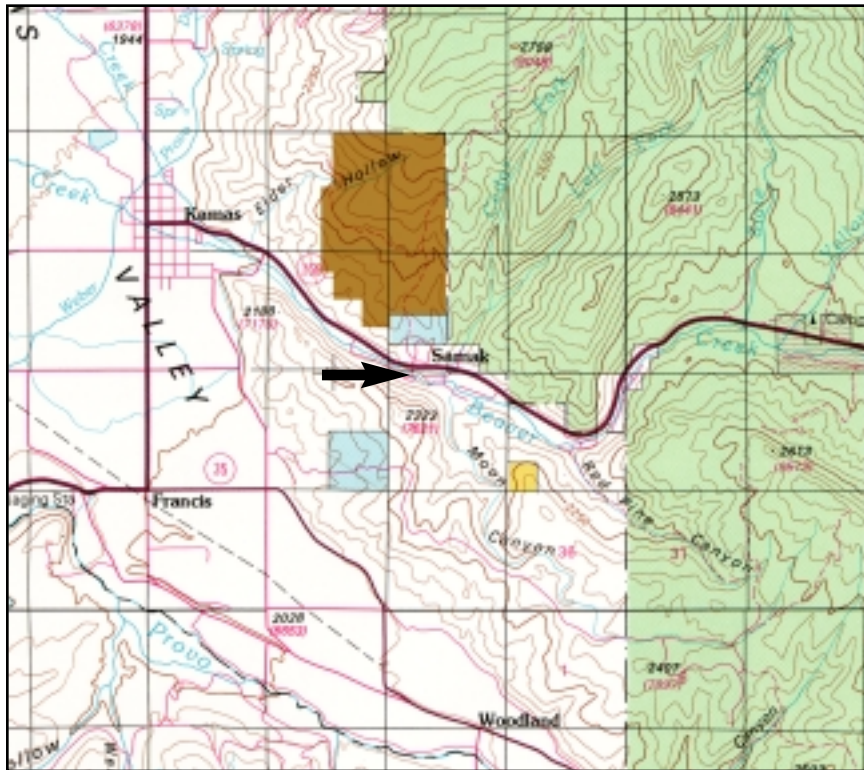
Management Focus

Although acquired to preserve big game winter range, many other species of wildlife benefit from the habitat protection.

Visitor Use:

- Motorized vehicles prohibited from Labor Day through Memorial Day.
- Access road is very steep and should be avoided in inclement weather.
- Minimal turn-around space when the gate is closed.
- Please respect private property along access road.
- Trails lead to adjacent USDA Forest Service lands.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Kamas Fish Hatchery



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Hoyt Peak, Woodland



The Lay of the Land

The hatchery unit is composed of 23.74 acres which includes two springs with wetlands and wet meadows. The hatchery lies across the highway from the Kamas WMA.

Location

The hatchery is located three miles east of Kamas on the Mirror Lake Highway (US-150) in Summit County.

What to See and Do

This state fish hatchery offers unique opportunities to view fish in various developmental stages and includes an aquarium in which to observe fish and their habitat in an underwater setting. Hatchery operations conducted in the building may be viewed from outside through windows. The adjacent wetlands provide other wildlife viewing opportunities.

Management Focus

The property was acquired in the mid-1920s by a rod and gun club in the Kamas Valley and immediately donated it to the DWR to rear fish. After completing renovation in 1998 and 1999, the hatchery should be capable of producing 140,000 pounds of fish in a combination of albino rainbow, regular rainbow, brook and cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling.

Visitor Use:

- Open to the public 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- No fishing.
- Please contact the hatchery well in advance for all tours. Call (435) 783-4883.
- An aquarium offers a unique view of the fish.
- A kiosk offers insight into fish production.

McLeod Creek Angler Access



The Lay of the Land

Situated at about 7,000 feet in elevation, this gently sloped mountain stream meanders at approximately 20 cfs or less. Comprising approximately 18.5 acres, the DWR portion of this creek consists of a linear corridor of willows and wetland grasses. This portion of the stream lies adjacent to the historic Oscuthorpe barn and pastures. Immediately upstream from the DWR property, Park City realigned the stream channel into a newly created stream which is also accessible to the public, making the total fishing access about one-mile long.

Location

Located in Summit County between Snyderville Basin and Park City along SR-224, access is from I-80 at the Kimball Junction exit, southbound on SR-224 toward Park City. The property is on the west side of the highway, approximately 3 miles south of Kimball Junction.

What to See and Do

The primary purpose of the property is to provide access to stream fishing for rainbow and brown trout, but hiking, wildlife viewing or exploring the dynamics of a small stream environment are other viable activities.

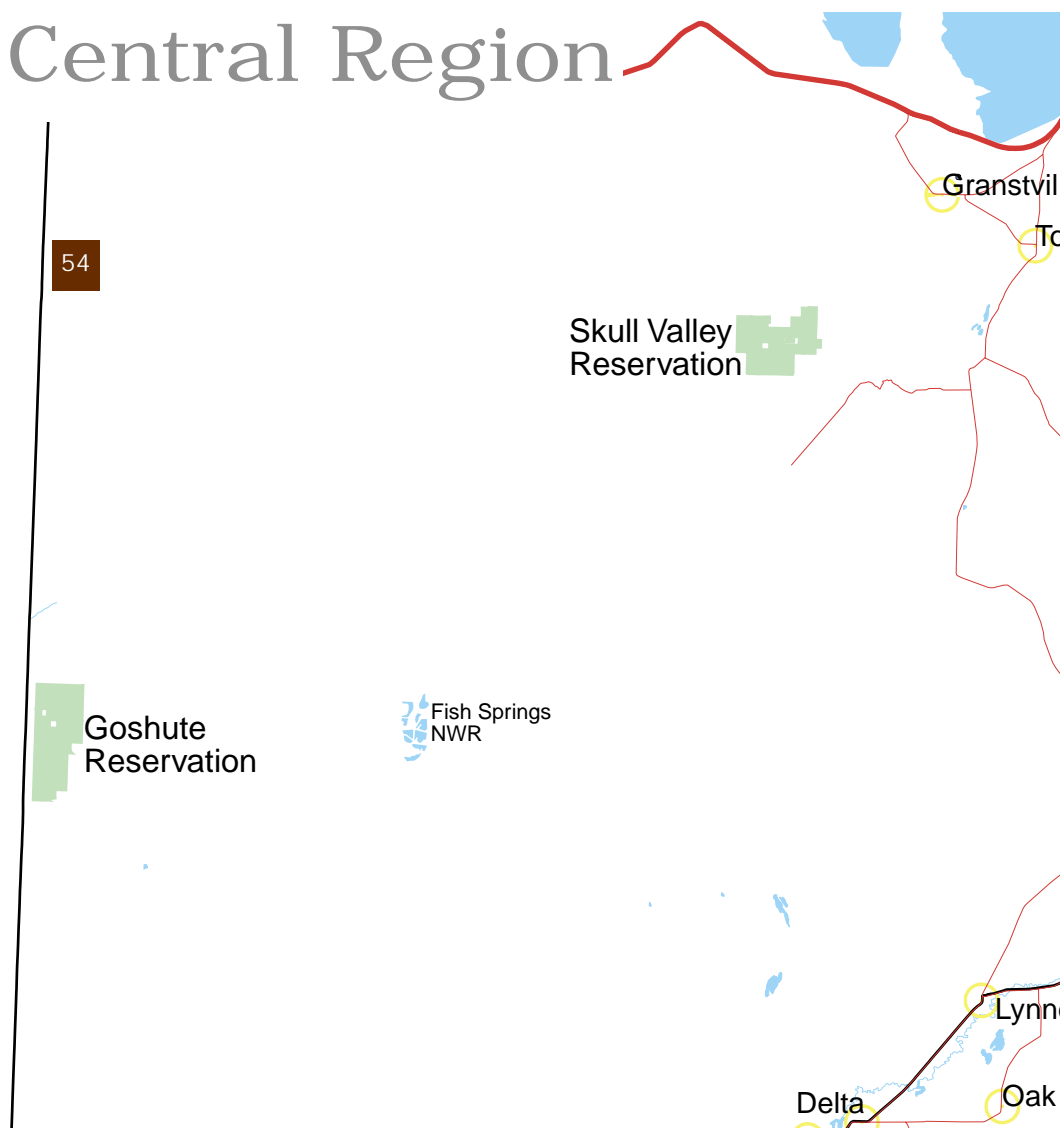
Management Focus

The property is a wetland mitigation site purchased by UDOT as a consequence of reconstructing SR-224. The property was given to the DWR in 1998. The purpose is to preserve wetlands and riparian areas, as well as to provide fishermen access.

Visitor Use:

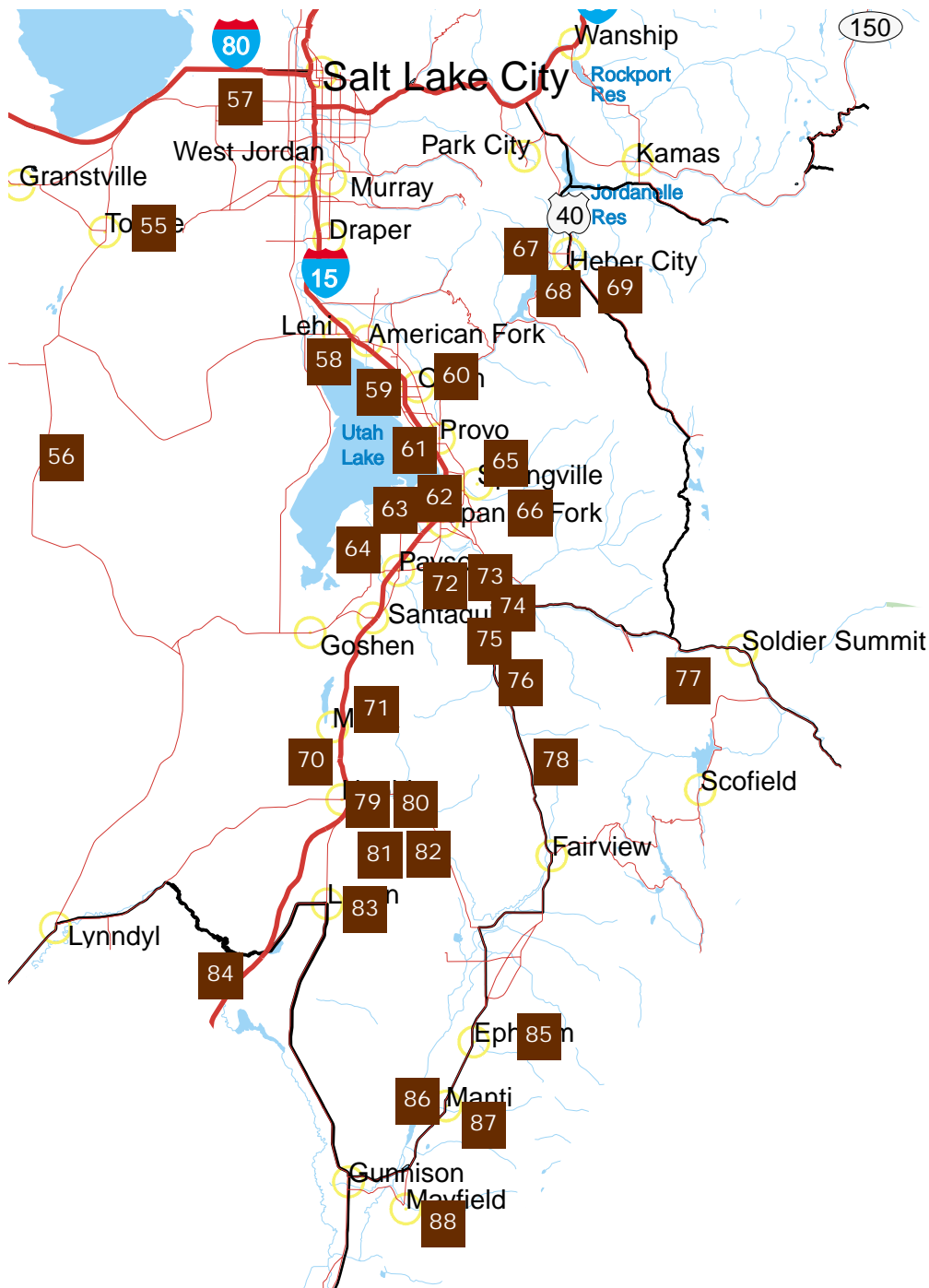
- Open to the public.
- Please respect surrounding private property.
- Do not litter.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Central Region



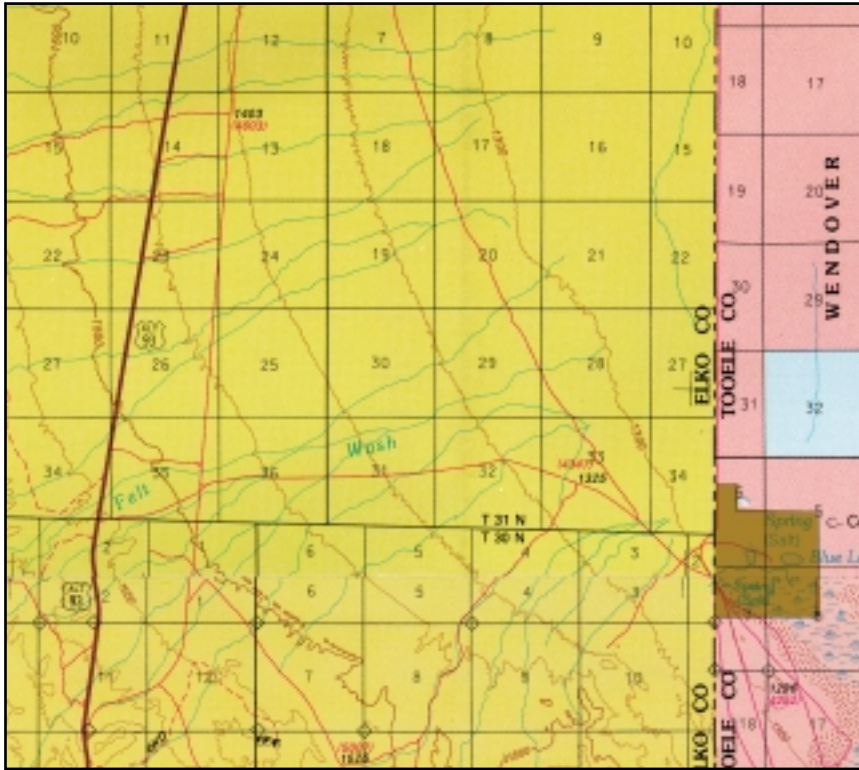
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Blue Lake WMA



**Maps—1:100,000 scale: Bonneville Salt Flats
1:24,000 (7- $\frac{1}{2}$ minute quad): Wendover SE**



The Lay of the Land

The Blue Lake WMA contains 215 acres. Blue Lake is a deep, warm, spring-fed lake surrounded by an extensive wetland complex.

Location

The WMA is located in Tooele County, approximately 15 miles south of Wendover. It lies on the western edge of the Bonneville Salt Flats. From Wendover, turn south toward Ibapah. The Blue Lake turn-off is signed. Follow the gravel road east to the property.

What to See and Do

The lake supports a year-round, warm-water fishery of largemouth bass and bluegill. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on the WMA, but the adjacent Department of the Army-controlled lands are closed to hunting. SCUBA-diving is popular from November to May.

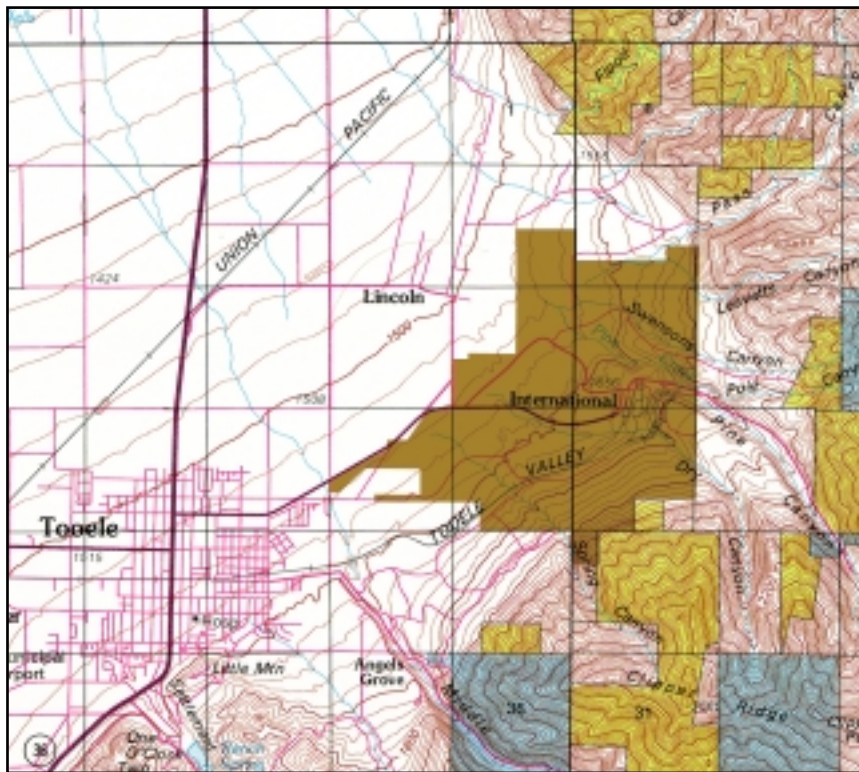
Management Focus

The property was acquired from the U.S. Government. The aim is to protect waterfowl habitat and to provide hunting opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- Motor vehicle use is confined to the access road and parking areas.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Carr Fork WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Tooele
1:24,000 (7 1/2 minute quad): Tooele



The Lay of the Land

The 3,599-acre Carr Fork Reclamation and Wildlife Management Area is a former smelter site. A reclaimed tailings pile lies in the center of the property. Sagebrush and oakbrush dominate the benches. Pine Creek passes through the property. The associated riparian zone supports small populations of California Quail and pheasants.

Location

Carr Fork is located on the western slopes of the Oquirrh Mountains in Tooele County, just northeast of Tooele. At the intersection of 400 North and Main in Tooele, turn east. Proceed to Ericson Lane. Turn north to reach the main entrance.

What to See and Do

The WMA is open to the public for big game and upland game hunting. Deer and elk can be observed throughout the winter on both sides of the Pine Canyon Road.

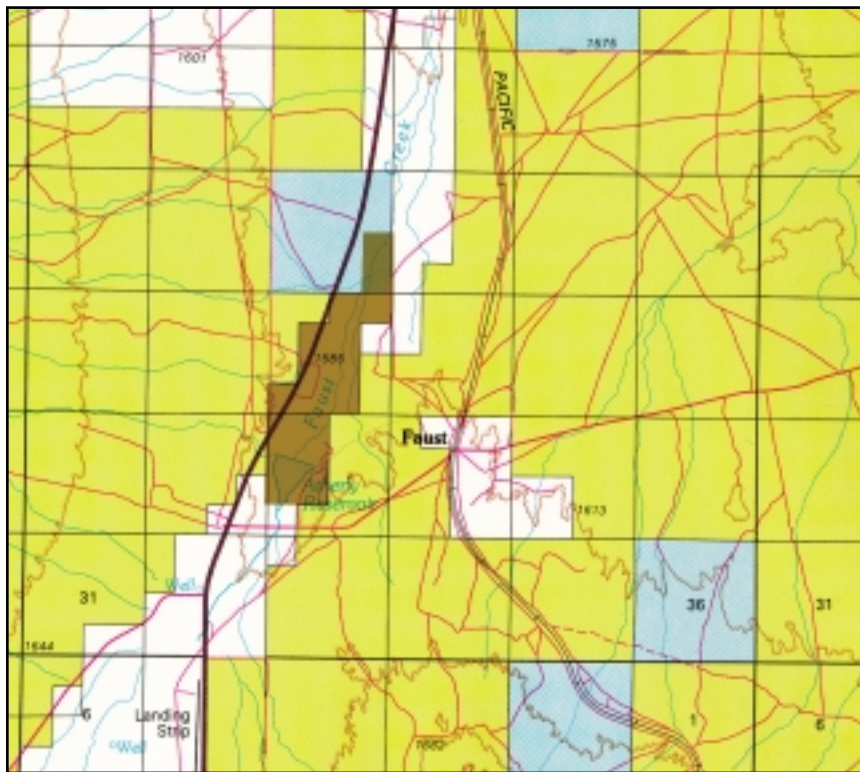
Management Focus

The Atlantic Richfield Company donated a conservation easement to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The easement retired all development rights and transferred surface management responsibilities to the DWR. The DWR manages the property for the benefit of wildlife.

Visitor Use:

- The easement agreement prohibits motor vehicle use on the property.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Access is limited to day-use, by foot or horseback only.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

James Walter Fitzgerald WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Rush Valley
1:24,000 (7 1/2 minute quad): Faust



The Lay of the Land

The 680-acre James Walter Fitzgerald WMA supports a combination of farmland (food plots and shelterbelts) and native salt desert shrub communities on the upland areas. A variety of wetland vegetation is associated with Faust Creek, Atherly Reservoir and other small impoundments that have been developed by the DWR.

Location

The WMA is located in Rush Valley, next to the town of Faust, in Tooele County. From Lehi, take SR-73 west to Fivemile Pass. Then take the county road that continues west to Faust. Or from Tooele, follow SR-36 south through Rush Valley to Faust.

What to See and Do

Wildlife viewing is a popular year-round activity for a variety of migratory birds. Pheasant and waterfowl hunting are common fall activities.

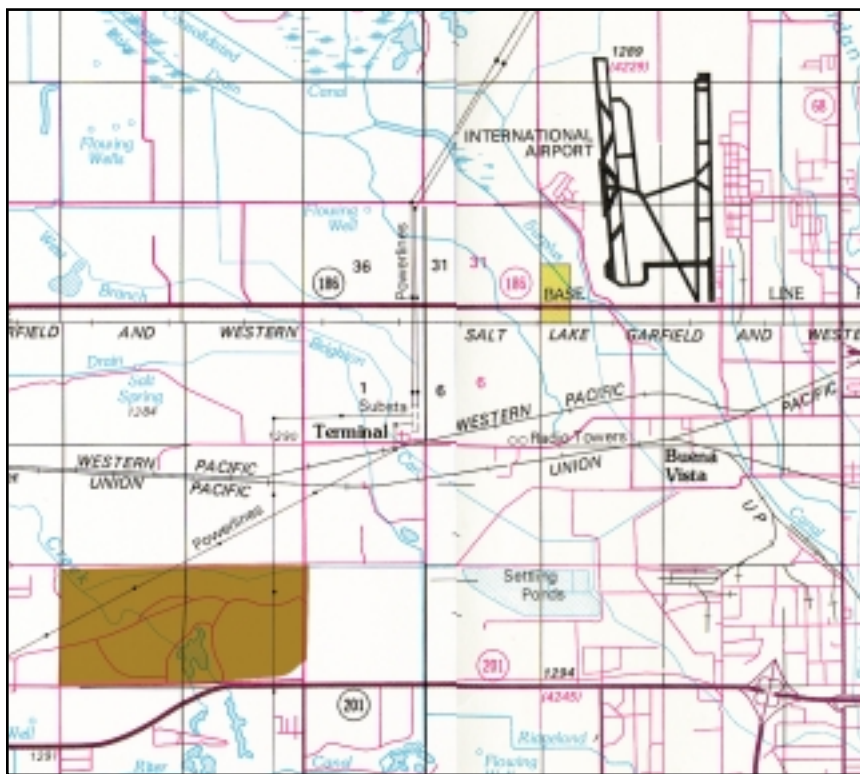
Management Focus

The property is managed to protect and enhance upland game and waterfowl habitats.

Visitor Use:

- Vehicle access is limited to existing parking areas.
- Public access is restricted on some portions of the unit during the waterfowl nesting season.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Lee Kay Center & Wildlife Conservation Area



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Magna



The Lay of the Land

The Lee Kay Center and Wildlife Conservation and Training Area complex of classrooms and shooting ranges sits on 1,280 acres. Lee Creek and its associated wetlands have been augmented by man-made lakes. A reclaimed landfill is located on the northern part of the WMA. The Lee Kay Center has classroom facilities for the hunter education program.

Location

The Salt Lake County complex lies north of 2100 South and west of 5600 West. Exit 2100 South at 5600 West, go north and turn left at the westbound frontage road which leads to the shooting range parking area. Contact the Center at (801) 972-1326 for hunter education class schedules and seasonal times of operation for the shooting ranges. The WMA is also a popular area for sporting dogs training and viewing migratory waterbirds in spring and fall.

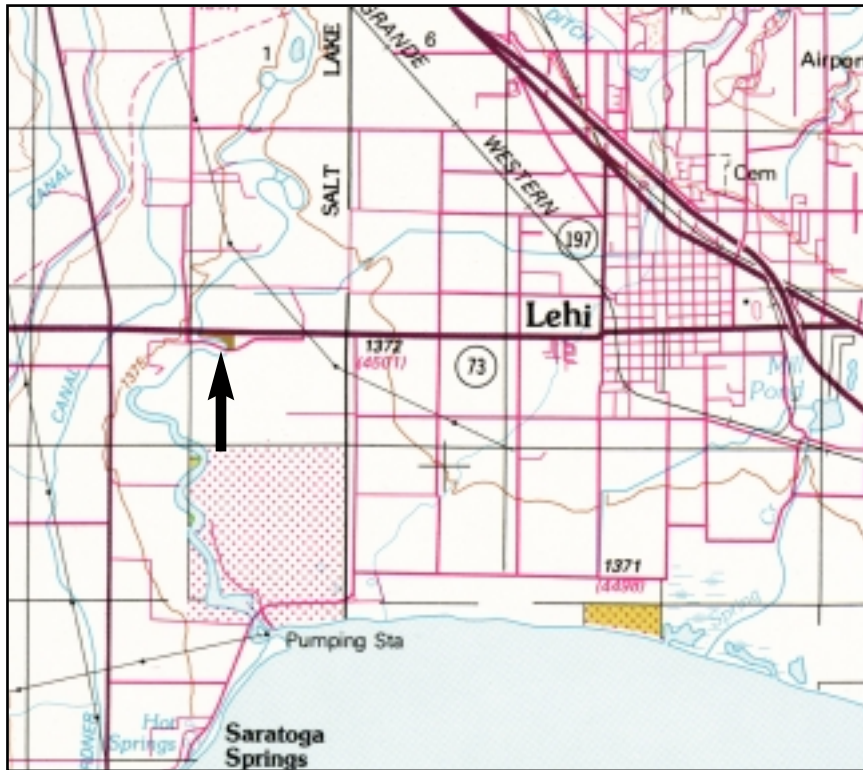
Management Focus

The WMA was acquired from the federal government for protection and enhancement of upland game bird habitat. The Center trains more than 6,000 hunter education students annually.

Visitor Use:

- Park vehicles in designated areas only.
- All shooters must check in at the Training Center.
- Dogs are allowed only in the conservation area.
- Children must be under adult supervision, away from danger zones.
- Children 15 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Youths 16 to 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult over the age of 21.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Jordan River Angler Access



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Provo
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad):



The Lay of the Land

This property is a narrow strip of land along the north bank of the Jordan River which offers foot-traffic access to popular fishing holes. The property is next to the trailhead for the Jordan River Parkway—a trail system maintained by Utah County.

Location

The access is located west of Lehi in Utah County. From I-15, take SR-73 through Lehi. Proceed to the Jordan River. Enter on the east side of the bridge and the south side of the highway.

What to See and Do

The property receives considerable pressure from fisherman using this side of the river.

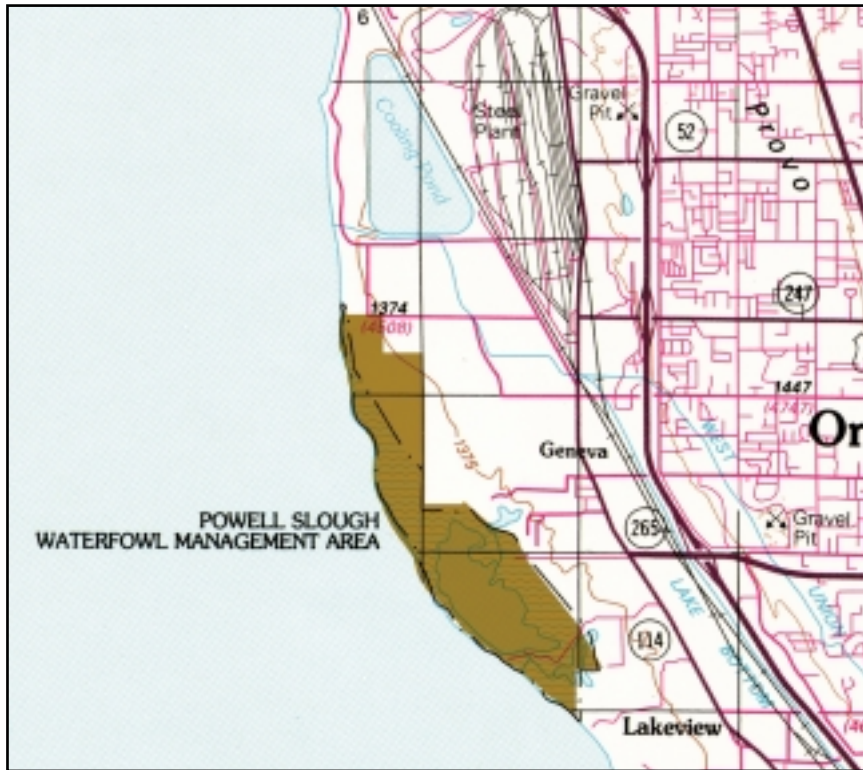
Management Focus

This property offers an important public-access entry point to the Jordan River.

Visitor Use:

- Parking is confined to the developed parking area.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Powell Slough WMA



The Lay of the Land

The Powell Slough Wildlife Management Area covers 631 acres on the eastern shore of Utah Lake, west of Orem. Habitats include open water, emergent marsh and adjacent uplands.

Location

The WMA is located west of Orem Tek Business Park in Utah County. Take the University Parkway exit from I-15 and go west to Geneva Road. Continue westbound through the Orem Tek Business Park. The WMA is located on the west end of the development.

What to See and Do

Waterfowl and pheasant hunting opportunities are available during the appropriate seasons. Wildlife viewing is a popular year-round activity.

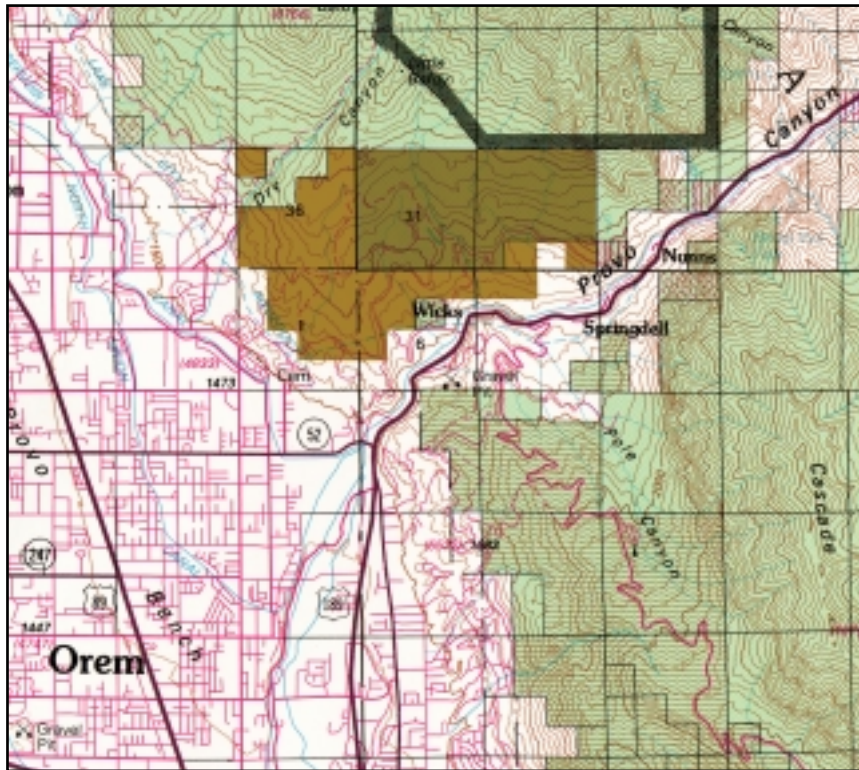
Management Focus

The property is leased from the Bureau of Land Management. Powell Slough provides nesting habitat for waterbirds and feeding and resting areas for migrating waterfowl. Portions of the WMA are closed to public access during the nesting season.

Visitor Use:

- Discharge of firearms is prohibited, except during the waterfowl and pheasant hunting season.
- Access is restricted during the nesting period.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Timpanogos WMA



The Lay of the Land

The 2,500-acre Timpanogos Wildlife Management Area consists of gently rolling to steep foothills lying at the base of Mount Timpanogos. The Alta Canal Road and The Great Western Trail pass through the property.

Location

The property is located east of Orem and north of the Provo River in Utah County. Take the 800 North exit from I-15 and proceed eastbound toward the mouth of Provo Canyon. Turn left onto 800 East. Continue past the cemetery and then take the first road to the right.

What to See and Do

The Alta Canal Road is used in the spring, summer and fall by hikers, joggers and mountain bikers. The property offers scenic views of Utah Lake, Mount Timpanogos and Provo Canyon. Big game and upland game hunting are available in the fall.

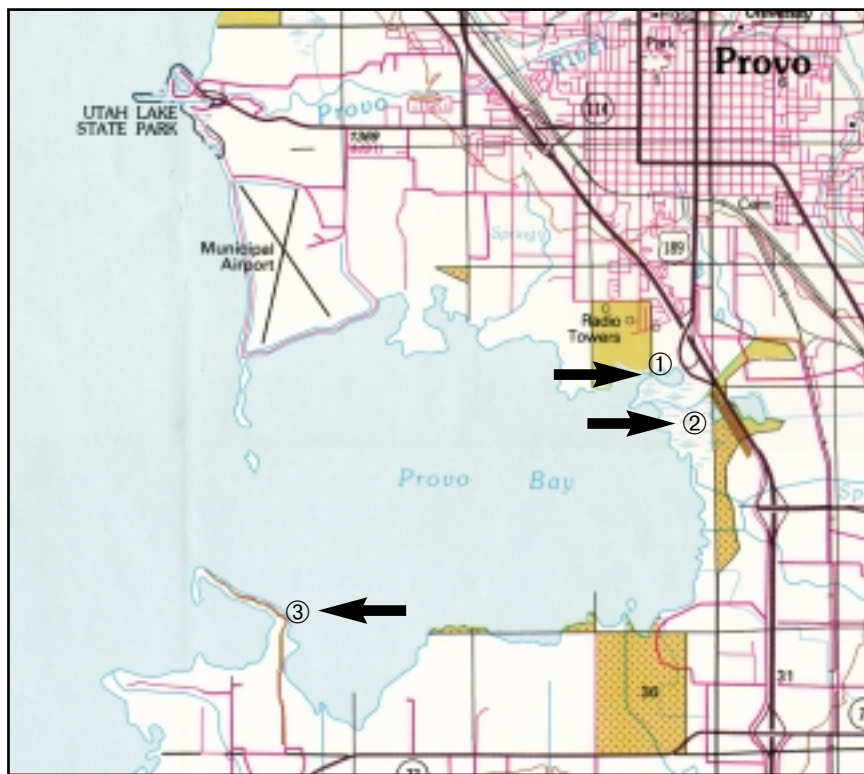
Management Focus

The property protects critical winter range for deer, elk and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

Visitor Use:

- The Alta Canal Road is closed to motor vehicles except during the archery, rifle and muzzleloader deer hunting seasons.
- During these deer hunting seasons, vehicles are confined to the Alta Canal Road and parking areas.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Utah Lake Access—Provo Bay



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Provo
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Provo



The Lay of the Land

This portion of the Utah Lake Wildlife Management Area is comprised of several hunter and angler access points, parking areas and management units of varying sizes—offering access to the Provo Bay of Utah Lake: (1) the 11-acre Fifth West Access (north shore), (2) the Mill Race Access (eastern shore), and (3) the 8.75-acre Swede Lane Sportsman Access (south shore). The areas contain wet meadows, marshes, cattails, bulrushes and other emergent vegetation.

Location

These areas are located in Utah County along the southeast portion of Utah Lake. The Fifth West Access: From University Avenue and 900 South in Provo, proceed west under the overpass. Turn left on 500 West. Go to the end of the paved road: the access road continues south to parking area. Mill Race Access: Take SR-75 (Exit 265) westbound from I-15. Proceed north along the access road parallel to I-15 until you reach the parking area (approximately 1.5 miles). Swede Lane Sportsman Access: Take SR-77 (Exit 263) westbound off I-15. Travel approximately 4 miles to Swede Lane (watch for street sign). Go north on Swede Lane. Follow the signs to the parking area.

What to See and Do

Fifth West Access offers waterfowl and pheasant hunting. The other areas offer waterfowl and upland game hunting opportunities and fishing for white bass, large-mouth bass, catfish and walleye. Mill Race Access offers launching for small boats in Khuni's Ditch. Swede Lane Sportsman Access offers launching for small boats and wildlife viewing opportunities from the observation tower at the parking area.

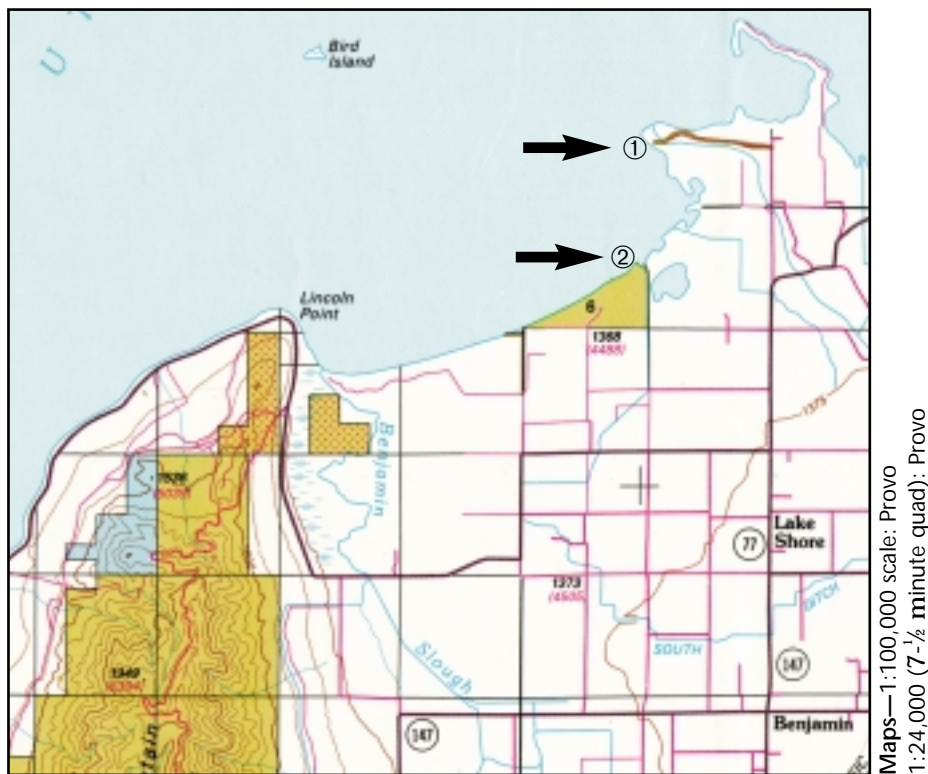
Management Focus

To provide access for hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing.

Visitor Use:

- No overnight camping.
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Please respect the property rights of adjacent landowners.

Utah Lake Access—SE Shore



The Lay of the Land

Additional access points reach the southeastern shores of Utah Lake: The Sandy Beach Access (1) consists of an easement for public access along the Spanish Fork River Road, just before the river enters Utah Lake. The Lake Shore Access (2) leads directly to the Utah Lake shoreline. Much of the surrounding area is made up of wet meadows and the shoreline is made up of emergent wetlands.

Location

The access areas are located in Utah County on the southeastern shore of Utah Lake. Sandy Beach Access: From I-15, take SR-77 (Exit 263) westbound for about 5 miles to junction with River Road. Follow River Road to Utah Lake. Lake Shore Access: Take SR-77 (Exit 263) westbound from I-15. Approximately 1 mile south of the Spanish Fork River bridge, turn right. Proceed 1 mile to access point (4000 West).

What to See and Do

The Sandy Beach Access leads to a fairly extensive beach (at low water levels) that is used for a wide variety of recreational activities such as swimming, picnicking, fishing and wildlife viewing. The hunting opportunities are limited, however. The Lake Shore Access road is elevated which provides an excellent opportunity for bird watching. The road is also popular with hunters and anglers to reach the shores of Utah Lake.

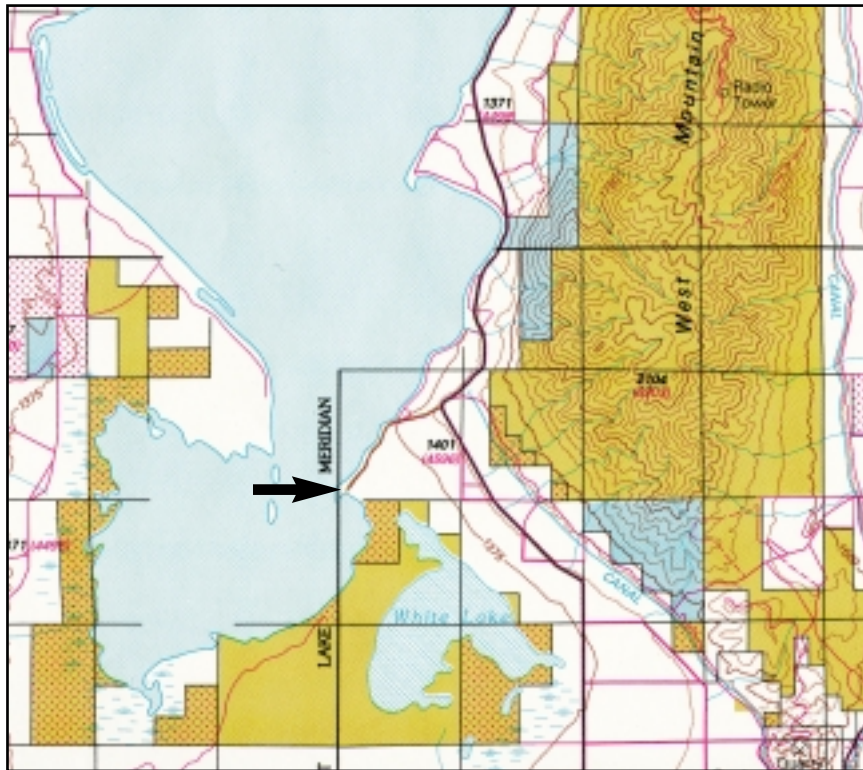
Management Focus

The purpose of the areas is to provide access for hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing around the southeastern shore of Utah Lake.

Visitor Use:

- No overnight camping.
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Stay on the roads where they pass through private land.

Utah Lake Access—Goshen Bay



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Provo
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): West Mountain



The Lay of the Land

The LeBaron Point Access road passes through private agricultural land and leads to Goshen Bay. Near the lake shoreline, the property includes State Sovereign lands.

Location

The access is located in Utah County, northwest of White Lake on the south end of Utah Lake. From I-15, take the north Santaquin exit westbound to Genola. From Genola, proceed northwest along the county road for approximately 4 miles. The entrance to the access road is signed.

What to See and Do

This area is frequented by anglers and bird watchers. Small boats can be launched to gain access to the better waterfowl hunting opportunities along the opposite shore.

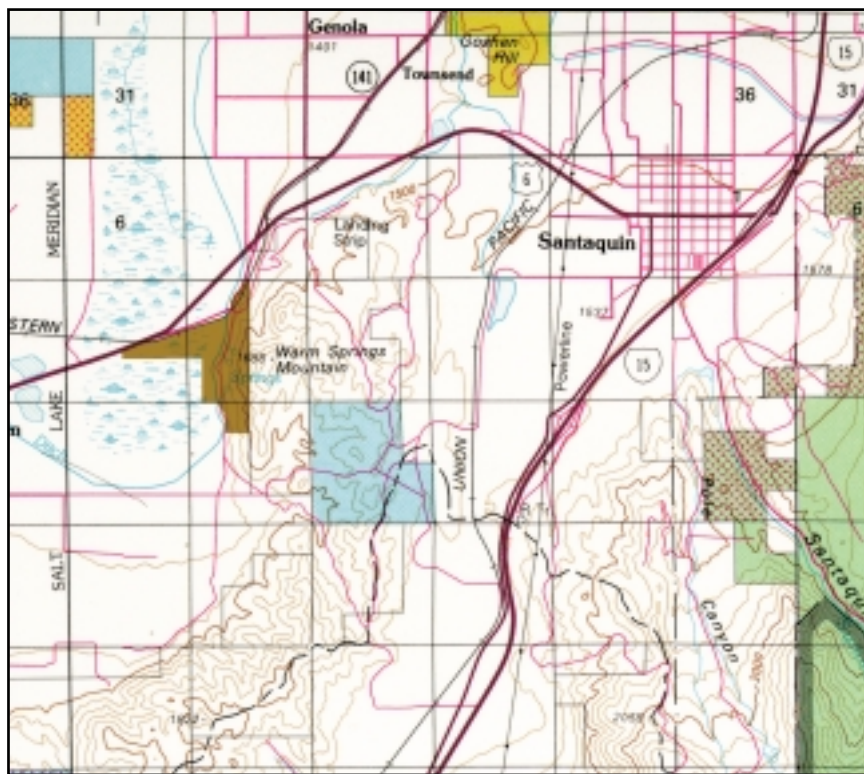
Management Focus

The access contains an easement through private property to provide recreational activities including waterfowl hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing.

Visitor Use:

- No overnight camping.
- Please respect the rights of the private landowners along portions of the easement.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Goshen Warm Springs WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Nephi
1:24,000 (7-½ minute quad): Santaquin



The Lay of the Land

Goshen Warm Springs WMA is a 280-acre parcel that contains a series of ponds which are fed from warmwater springs located on the property. Wet meadows and marsh habitats are adjacent to the ponds. Talus slopes dominate the east side of the WMA.

Location

The WMA is located about 2 miles east of Goshen in Utah County. From I-15, take US-6 westbound through Santaquin. Turn left where SR-141 intersects US-6. Cross the railroad tracks to the WMA entrance.

What to See and Do

Hunting and fishing are popular activities on the management area. Hunting opportunities include pheasants, chukars and waterfowl. Fishing is for warm-water species: largemouth bass and bluegill. Wildlife viewing is a year-round activity. Swimmers frequent the warmwater ponds.

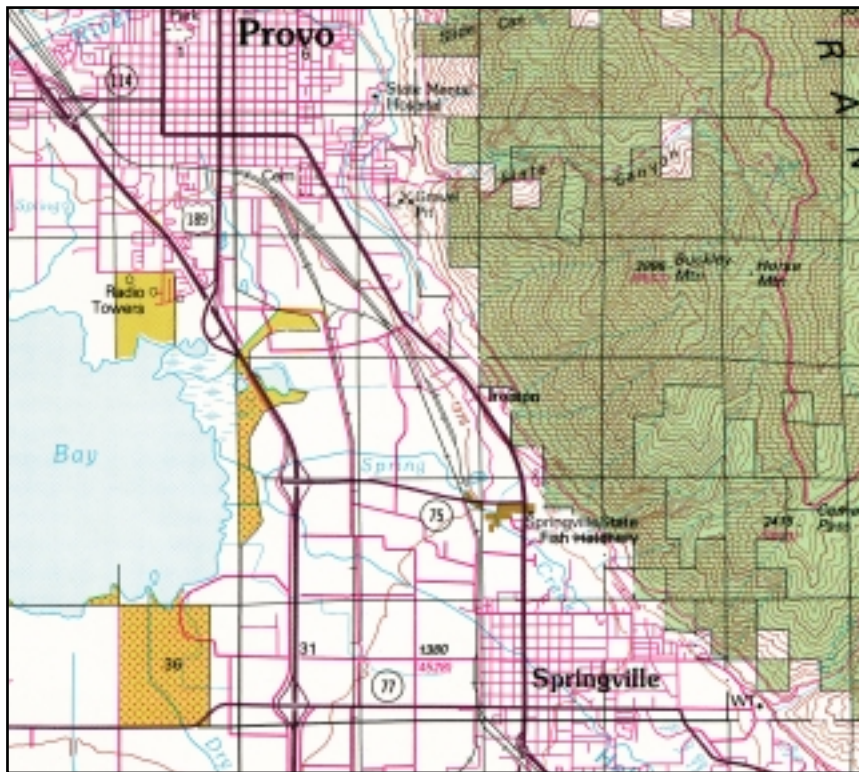
Management Focus

Goshen Warm Springs Wildlife Management Area offers unique habitat for wildlife and year-round recreational opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- No motor vehicle use is permitted beyond the developed parking area.
- No overnight camping.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Springville Fish Hatchery



Maps—1:100,000 scale;
1:24,000 (7½ minute quad):



The Lay of the Land

The Springville Fish Hatchery lies on the northern side of Springville City, consequently most of the surrounding area is urbanized. However, the hatchery supports riparian habitat along Spring Creek that flows along the property.

Location

The hatchery is located at 1115 North Main Street in Springville in Utah County. Raceways are located on both sides of Main Street. Only the west side is open to the public. To reach the hatchery from I-15, take Exit 265 to Springville. Turn south on Main Street (US-89) and go about 1½ blocks. DWR signs indicate the hatchery's location.

What to See and Do

Most of the trout reared in the outdoor raceways are rainbow trout. The DWR Central Region Office is also located on the property and is open to the public. A Springville City park is located across the street and is available for picnics.

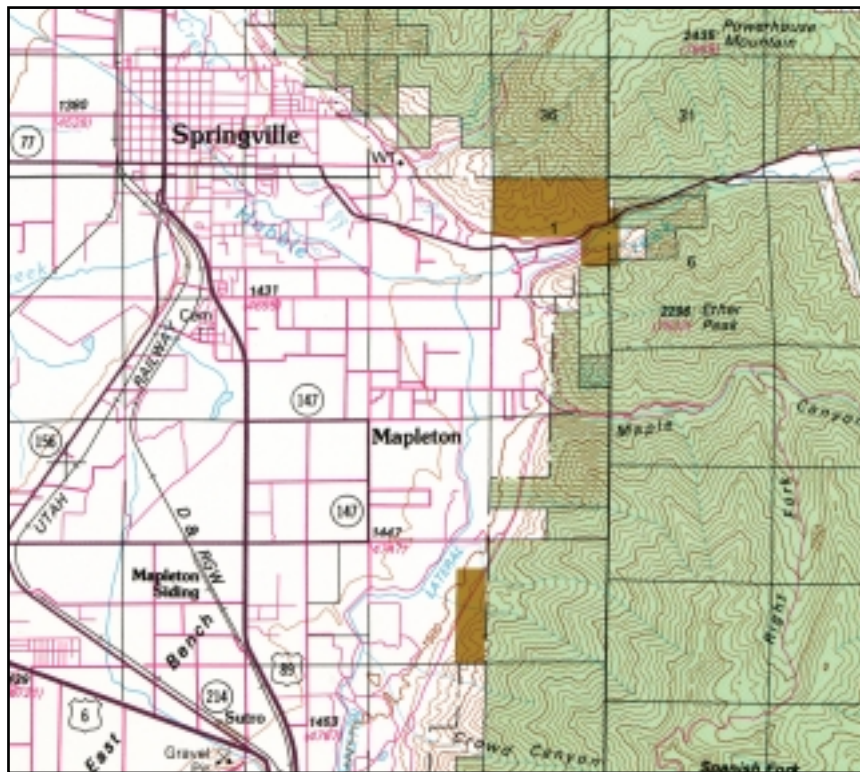
Management Focus

The Springville Fish Hatchery is the oldest hatchery in the state. It was constructed in 1909 and has been in continuous use since. Rainbow trout are the main species of fish raised at the hatchery. Around 200,000 pounds of fish are annually produced and distributed along the Wasatch Front for sport fishing. Sterilized rainbow trout and Kokanee salmon are also raised to provide fish for Strawberry Reservoir.

Visitor Use:

- Open to visitors daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- No fishing.
- No food facilities.
- Hatchery personnel will give group tours when time permits.
- Please contact the hatchery well in advance for group tours. Call (801) 489-4421.

Hobble Creek WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Provo
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Springville



The Lay of the Land

The Hobble Creek Wildlife Management Area consists of 416 acres on both sides of Hobble Creek Road near the mouth of Hobble Creek Canyon. Steep, south-facing slopes are found on the north side of the canyon while a mountain brush community of Gambel oak and Rocky Mountain maple makes up the steep, south side of the canyon. Hobble Creek and its associated riparian zone runs down the bottom of the canyon. A county-maintained, water-filled debris basin is also located on the property.

Location

The WMA is located east of Springville in Utah County. Take SR-75 eastbound from I-15. Turn south onto Main Street. Turn left on 400 South and follow the road to the mouth of the canyon.

What to See and Do

Wildlife viewing, to observe deer and elk which winter on the south-facing slopes, is a common activity. Catchable rainbows are stocked in the debris basin in the spring to provide fishing opportunities. A shooting range is available for public use—during scheduled hours of operation. The Hobble Creek trail follows the canyon road from the mouth of the canyon eastward past the golf course.

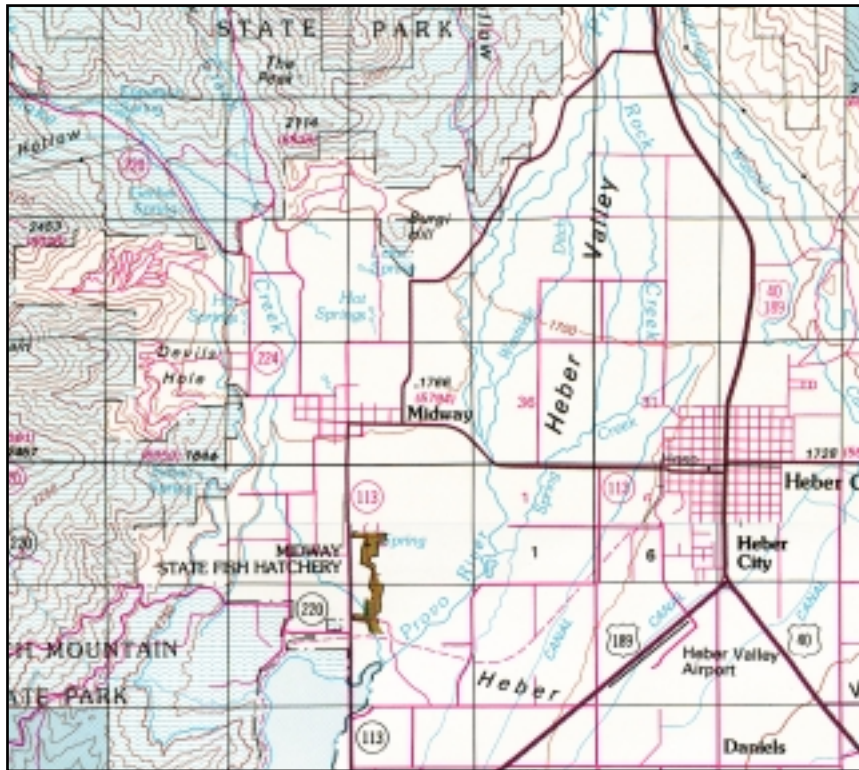
Management Focus

The property is managed to preserve big game winter range and to offer controlled recreational pursuits.

Visitor Use:

- All target shooting is confined to the shooting range and only during scheduled hours of operation, which vary monthly.
- Contact the Central Region Office for shooting range schedule.
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the WMA north of the canyon road.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Midway Fish Hatchery



Maps—1:100,000 scale:
1:24,000 (7-½ minute quad):



The Lay of the Land

The Midway Fish Hatchery consists of a long, narrow strip of land with concrete and gravel raceways and a few ponds.

Location

The hatchery is located in Wasatch County, south of Midway.

What to See and Do

The hatchery provides rainbow and albino rainbow trout for stocking into Utah waters.

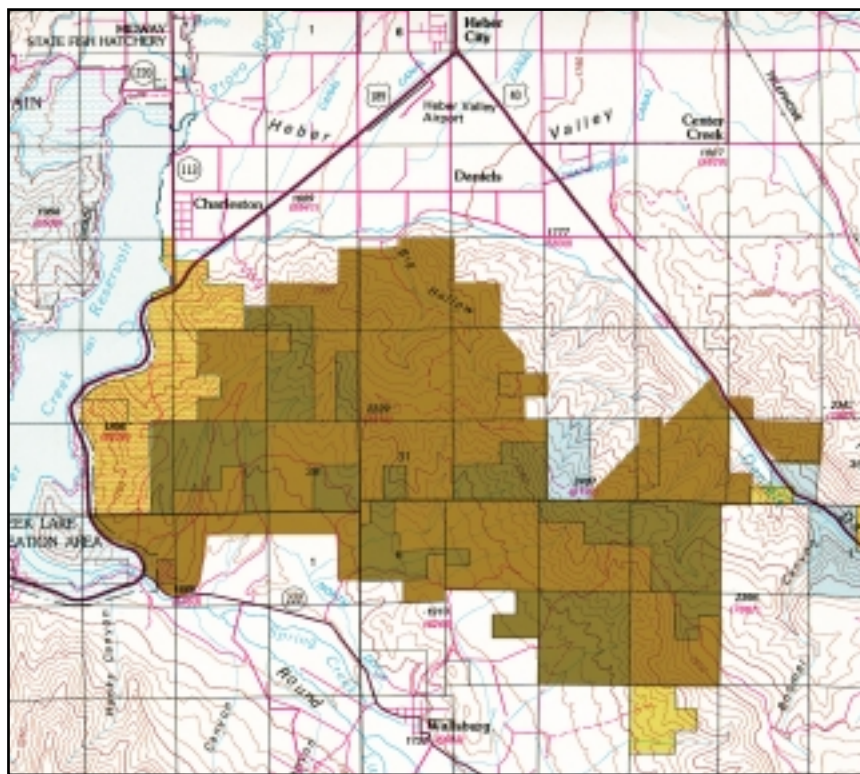
Management Focus

Midway Fish Hatchery rears rainbow and albino rainbow trout to provide fish for Utah's streams and lakes statewide.

Visitor Use:

- Because of whirling disease concerns, the hatchery is closed to the public.

Heber WMA—Wallsburg



The Lay of the Land

The 13,807-acre Wallsburg unit contains open, sagebrush-covered slopes on the western portion of the property; and rugged, steep, oakbrush-covered slopes with scattered aspen stands on the north-facing slopes in Daniels Canyon.

Location

Located in Wasatch County, the unit extends from Deer Creek Reservoir to Daniels Canyon. From US-189, take the turnoff to Wallsburg. Turn left onto the first dirt road and proceed to the main entrance.

What to See and Do

The unit is a popular deer and elk hunting area. Upland game hunting includes forest grouse and doves. Horseback riding is another popular activity on this unit of the WMA.

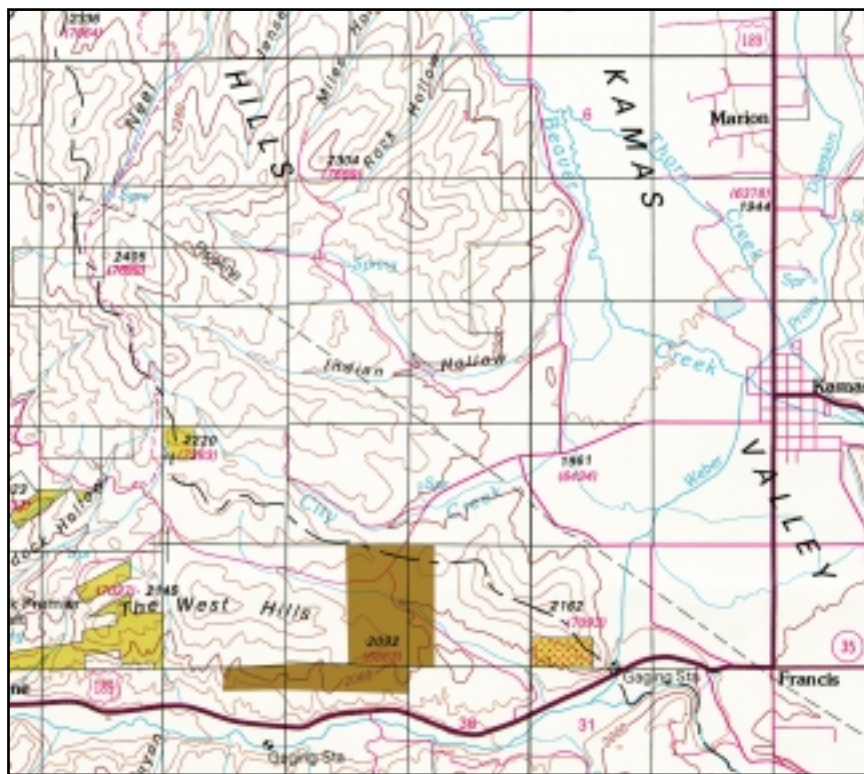
Management Focus

The unit offers big game winter range protection and recreational opportunities.

Visitor Use:

- Access restrictions are in effect year-round.
- The Ridge Road is closed to motor vehicle access from the gate in Big Hollow to the Hardscrabble Road.
- Property is closed to all access in late winter and spring to protect wintering wildlife.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Heber WMA—West Hills



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Salt Lake City
1:24,000 (7-½ minute quad): Francis



The Lay of the Land

The West Hills unit of the Heber Wildlife Management Area contains 720 acres of gently rolling foothills covered with sagebrush and oakbrush. A small, spring-fed creek winds its way through the center of the unit.

Location

The unit is located in Wasatch County, west of Kamas and north of the Rock Cliff arm of Jordanelle Reservoir. From US-40 and the Keetley Junction (3 miles south of I-80), take US-248. Proceed past Jordanelle Reservoir towards Kamas. Take the first main road (county road) that intersects US-248 from the south and follow it to the WMA entrance sign.

What to See and Do

Some deer hunting is possible, although it is not a very popular area.

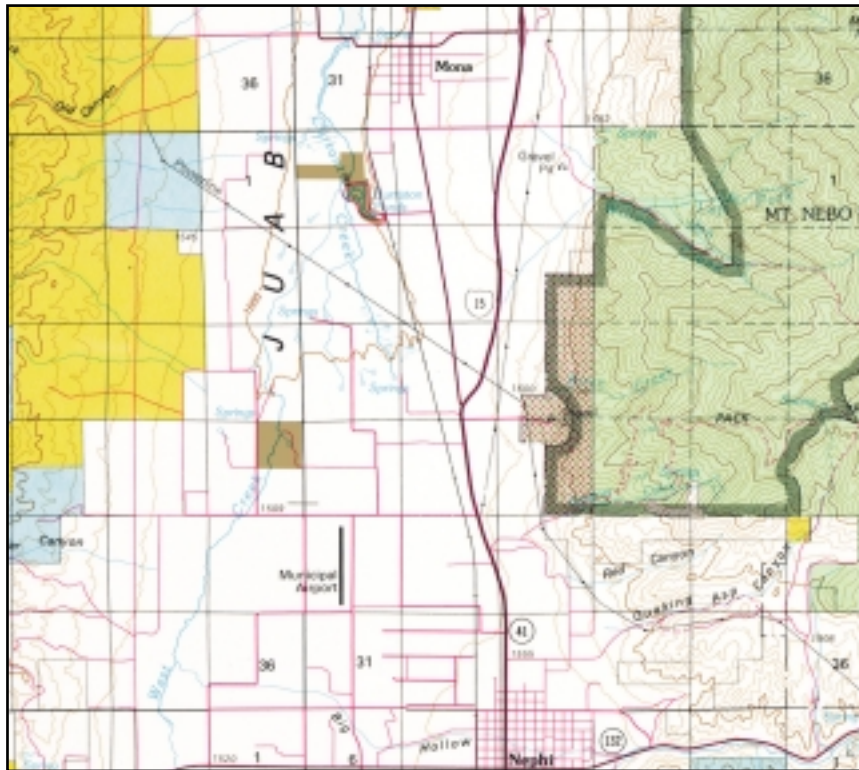
Management Focus

The land was acquired by the Bureau of Reclamation to mitigate the impacts of Jordanelle Reservoir on big game winter range and sage-grouse and Bald Eagle habitat.

Visitor Use:

- No motor vehicle access past the parking lot.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Burraston Ponds/Nephi WMA



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Nephi
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Mona,
Slate Jack Canyon



The Lay of the Land

Two small WMAs are listed in this description: the 180-acre Burraston Ponds WMA and the 152-acre Nephi WMA. Burraston: Three ponds in the middle of the Juab Valley intercept flows from nearby springs and discharge into Currant Creek. The Nephi WMA supports riparian habitat and patches of emergent marsh along West Creek. The high water table supports an extensive wet meadow complex.

Location

Both WMAs are in Juab County. Burraston is located 1 mile south of Mona Reservoir. Take the Mona exit from I-15. At Main Street in Mona, head south towards Nephi. Follow the signs to the WMA. The Nephi WMA is about 1 mile west and 1/2-mile north of the Nephi Airport. From the Nephi Airport, go west on the road that runs along the north border of the airport. Go to West Creek and turn north (the first right turn). Follow the road that parallels the creek for 1/2-mile. It is located east of the road.

What to See and Do

Burraston Ponds is a popular fishing and camping area—especially in the spring when temperatures are moderate and the high country is still inaccessible. It is a good area to view waterbirds and neotropical migratory birds. Both WMAs are available for upland game hunting (pheasants and doves).

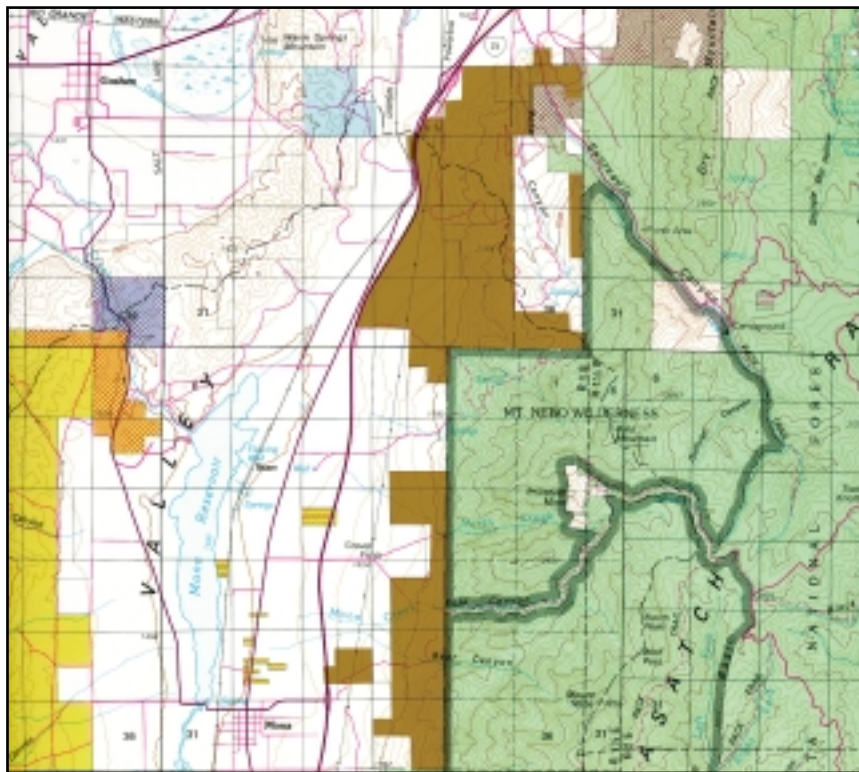
Management Focus

Burraston Ponds WMA was donated to the DWR by the Burraston Family for use as a fish production area. Although not suitable for a hatchery site, the area does offer unique fish and wildlife values. Both WMAs provide upland game habitat.

Visitor Use:

- Burraston Ponds: Please observe 16-day camping limit; Restrict vehicles to existing roads
- Nephi: Vehicles are not permitted on the property—parking is available on turnouts along the county road.

North Nebo WMA—Santaquin/Mona Bench



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Nephi
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Santaquin, Mona



The Lay of the Land

This portion of the North Nebo WMA encompasses two units: Santaquin (4,720 acres) and Mona Bench (2,020 acres). Santaquin consists of oakbrush and juniper-covered foothills and sagebrush/grass benchland. Mona Bench has steep, west-facing slopes, covered with oakbrush at the higher elevations and sagebrush flats below.

Location

The two units are located in Juab County. The Santaquin unit is located east of Santaquin, from Santaquin Canyon, south to Wash Canyon. Take the south Santaquin exit from I-15. Proceed south along the paved, west frontage road to the first gravel road that heads under the Interstate. Turn left. The unit borders the east side of the freeway. The Mona Bench unit lies east of Mona, from Mona-Pole Canyon to Willow Creek. Exit at the Mona Interchange from I-15. Proceed east, past the private land to the unit.

What to See and Do

The units offer deer hunting opportunities in the fall and big game viewing for elk and deer in the winter and spring. Hiking and horseback trails provide access to the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area.

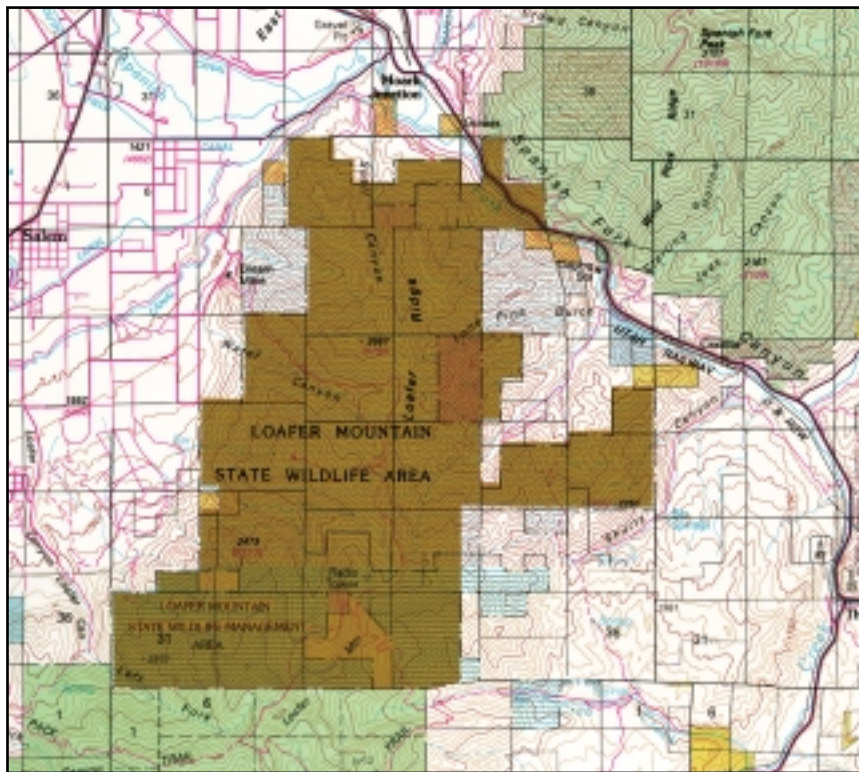
Management Focus

The primary purpose of the units is to protect critical big game winter habitat.

Visitor Use:

- Property is closed to all access in late winter and spring to protect wintering wildlife.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

North Nebo WMA—Loafer Mountain



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Provo, Nephi
1:24,000 (7 1/2 minute quad): Spanish Fork,
Spanish Fork Peak, Payson Lakes, Birdseye



The Lay of the Land

Loafer Mountain is a 12,500-acre unit of the North Nebo Wildlife Management Area. The upper mountainous terrain supports spruce/fir forests with aspen stands. The lower-elevation steep slopes are covered with oakbrush. The unit encompasses most of the high-elevation portions of Loafer Mountain. The area is accessible by hiking or horseback trails only.

Location

The unit is located in Utah County. From the Nebo Loop Road in Payson Canyon, take the Loafer Mountain Trail. From the Bennie Creek Road, take the trail that intersects the Loafer Mountain Trail. From US-6, take the trail up the west side of Shurtz Canyon.

What to See and Do

The access is limited for big game hunting, but hiking is a good summer activity. Wildlife viewing opportunities are available during the summer and fall.

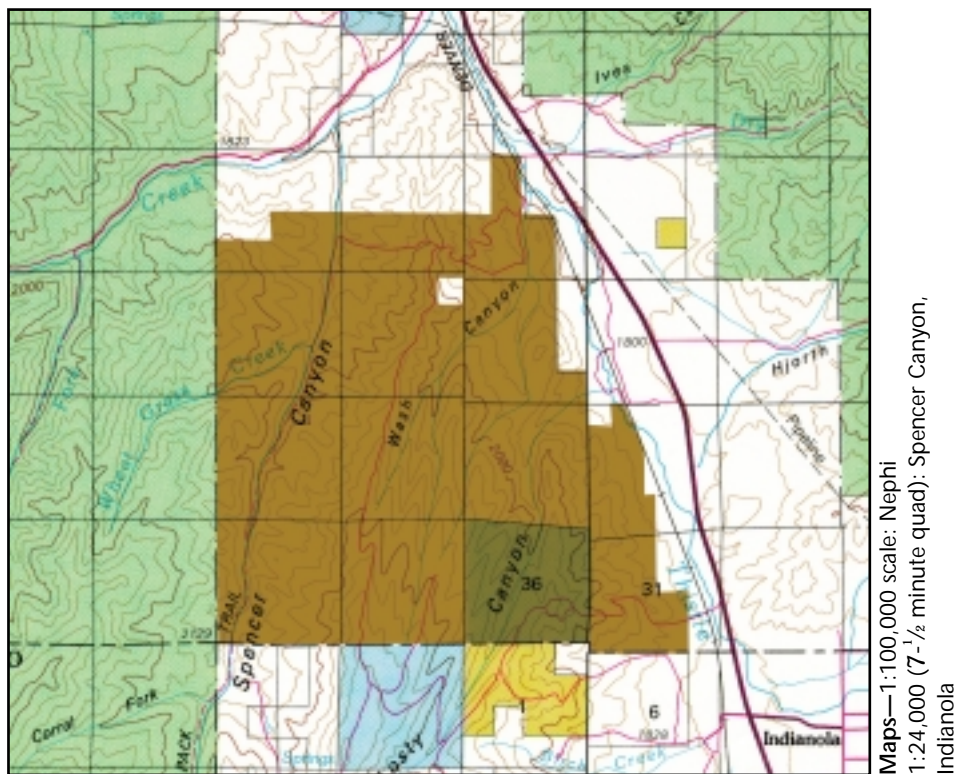
Management Focus

The unit helps preserve big game habitat.

Visitor Use:

- Motorized vehicle access restrictions are in place.
- Property is closed to all access in late winter and spring to protect wintering wildlife.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

North Nebo WMA—Spencer Fork



The Lay of the Land

The Northwest Manti Wildlife Management Area—Spencer Fork contains 6,500 acres. Spencer Fork contains oakbrush and scattered juniper sidehills. A main ridge runs the length of the area. Thistle Creek is a perennial stream that supports populations of cutthroat and brown trout.

Location

Located in Utah County, Spencer Fork lies west of US-89, south of Nebo Creek. The turnoff to the Spencer Fork access road is just south of the intersection of US-89 and Nebo Creek.

What to See and Do

The area offers big game hunting opportunities. Additionally, Nebo Creek on the Uinta National Forest offers fishing, camping and wildlife viewing throughout the year. The Rio Grande Turkey population has expanded into the Spencer Fork drainage, offering hunting and viewing opportunities.

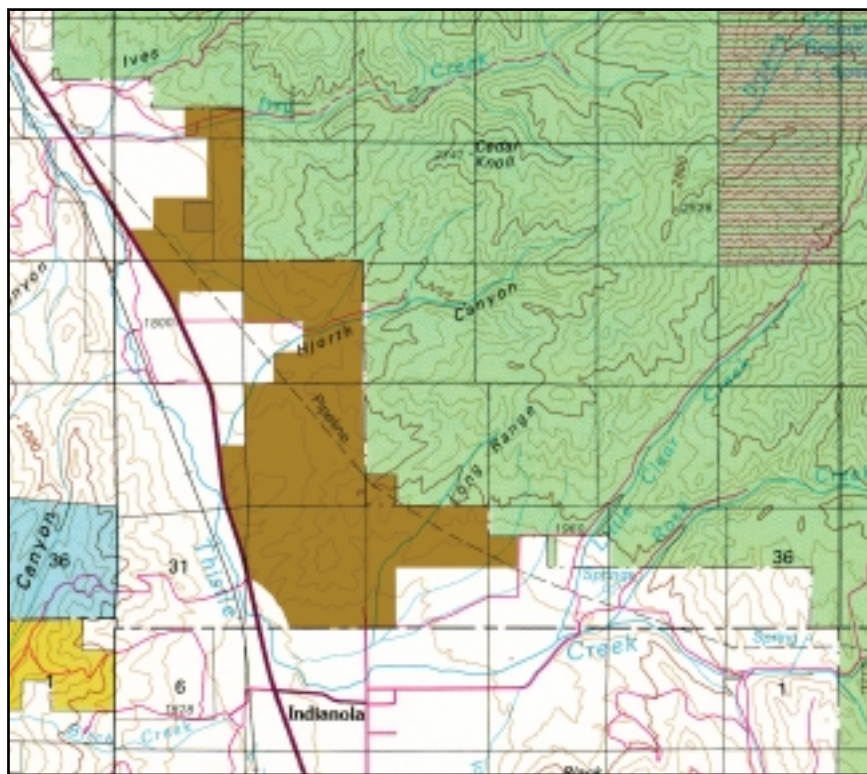
Management Focus

The parcel was acquired to protect big game winter range. An additional 803 acres of private land in Losty Canyon was protected with a conservation easement in 1999.

Visitor Use:

- Property is closed to all access in late winter and spring to protect wintering wildlife.
- Please use authorized roads only to prevent erosion and to protect wildlife habitat.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

Northwest Manti WMA—Lasson Draw



Maps—1:100,000 scale: Nephi
1:24,000 (7-1/2 minute quad): Spencer Canyon,
Indianola



The Lay of the Land

Lasson Draw (2,225 acres) is part of the Northwest Manti Wildlife Management Area and is comprised of a sagebrush/grass community in the valley and a pinyon-juniper woodland/oakbrush community on the steeper slopes.

Location

Lasson Draw lies in Utah County, east of US-89 between Dry Canyon and the Utah/Sanpete County line. It borders the Uinta National Forest. There are three access openings along the east right-of-way of US-89.

What to See and Do

Big game hunting opportunities are available. Lasson draw provides access to the Manti/LaSal National Forest (Dry Canyon). Several turnouts along US-89 offer good opportunities to view deer and elk on their winter range.

Management Focus

The area was acquired to protect big game winter range.

Visitor Use:

- Property is closed to all access in late winter and spring to protect wintering wildlife.
- Motor vehicle use restrictions are enforced on the unit; observe road closure signs.
- Questar pipeline maintenance road is **not** a public access road.
- Pack it in, pack it out.